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1 THE CLERK: All rise.

2 THE COURT: Please be seated. Good afternoon, Mr.  
3 Kessler.

4 MR. KESSLER: Good afternoon, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: If I could just jump in for just a  
6 minute. And I don't know how you want to go through the  
7 agenda, but I note that a substantial number of the matters  
8 are either uncontested or resolved. I like to get to the  
9 main event as soon as we can.

10 MR. KESSLER: Yes.

11 THE COURT: So if there are no changes in orders,  
12 I'm prepared to sign those motions and if there are material  
13 changes, do you want to walk me through that's fine. The  
14 only thing I saw going forward was press on a contested basis  
15 was 9,15 and 16, but I may be wrong. Nine is the private  
16 sale/auction issue with the Committee.

17 MR. KESSLER: Correct. Well, I don't have the  
18 numbers on the agenda committed to memory but there are  
19 three: the sale of the mortgage servicing business, the wages  
20 motion and the, and the private auction sale to Premier.

21 THE COURT: Right, I think that, that's all I saw.

22 MR. KESSLER: Oh and ordinary course professionals  
23 may be an objection.

24 THE COURT: Okay, very good. Let's - -

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1                   MR. KESSLER: Mr. McMahon also has an issue with a  
2 matter, not ours but a counterparty who is asking to seal  
3 agreements that are attached to their order, and he will  
4 raise that separately.

5                   Your Honor, before we begin I've been asked by Mr.  
6 Glassman if he can take the podium for a moment and introduce  
7 some members of the Creditors' Committee, some counsel for  
8 the Creditors.

9                   THE COURT: All right, very good. Good afternoon,  
10 Mr. Glassman.

11                  MR. GLASSMAN: Hello, Your Honor, Neil Glassman of  
12 Bayard. We have been selected and the or the Committee has  
13 filed an application for our retention as Delaware counsel to  
14 the Committee; Kramer Levin has been selected. They're here;  
15 Mr. Tom Mayer, Amy Caton, Josh Brody.

16                  THE COURT: Welcome.

17                  MR. GLASSMAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

18                  THE COURT: So can we sail through the - -

19                  MR. KESSLER: Yes, I'm going to try to sail through  
20 as quickly as I can. I did take or I would like to present  
21 some of them out of order just because they logically go  
22 together in some instances.

23                  THE COURT: All right.

24                  MR. KESSLER: And one last comment before I get  
25 going. We do have a consent extension of the interim cash

1 collateral order; however, one of the bank's lawyers  
2 apparently didn't get notice of the fact that this hearing  
3 was pushed forward to 1:00. He sent me an e-mail that I  
4 received on my Blackberry that he's on the train and would  
5 like to push that back until later this afternoon until he  
6 gets here.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. KESSLER: So the first one I'd like to address,  
9 Your Honor, is the extension of time to file schedules.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. KESSLER: The, of course, there are no  
12 objections. The motion seeks an extension of time to file  
13 the schedules of assets and liabilities, executory contract,  
14 unexpired leases, etc.

15 THE COURT: Okay, I'll sign it. I really don't need  
16 that. If it's uncontested, I read the motions. We got a lot  
17 to do on the sale, so. Anybody wish to be heard? All right,  
18 I'll approve the motion.

19 MR. KESSLER: The next one on my agenda is items 2  
20 and 12 that go together: the continued operation of the  
21 business in the ordinary course and; then, Your Honor, will  
22 recall that we filed a supplemental motion to extend or  
23 expand this motion to encompass the, the loan origination  
24 business.

25 THE COURT: Uh huh.

1                   MR. KESSLER: And there are no objections, as far as  
2 I know, on this.

3                   THE COURT: Well there was a limited GE objection,  
4 is that resolved? It was on the original motion. I thought.

5                   MR. BENEDICT: Your Honor, Mark Benedict for GE  
6 Capital. And there was a limited objection on the original,  
7 and it was resolved by language in the order. And that  
8 language continues in the proposed order on these motions, so  
9 our objection is continued to be resolved.

10                  THE COURT: Okay, thank you. Please approach. All  
11 right, very good. Just give me a moment.

12                  Please keep your Blackberries below the table and  
13 we'll get less interference or maybe out of your pocket.

14                  All right, I've signed both orders.

15                  MR. KESSLER: Okay the next one is on your agenda as  
16 item 4, Your Honor, its prepetition taxes that was approved  
17 on an interim basis and we're now here seeking the entry of  
18 the final order. On an interim basis, we ask for  
19 \$200,000.00. On a final basis, we're asking for authority to  
20 pay prepetition taxes up to \$2.3 million dollars, and there  
21 are no objections.

22                  THE COURT: All right. Again, there was a limited  
23 objection of GE that I understand is resolved?

24                  MR. KESSLER: Yes.

25

1                   THE COURT: Okay. I'll sign the order. Please  
2 approach. I've signed the order.

3                   MR. KESSLER: The next one is item 5 on your agenda  
4 it's the cash management motion that was set for final  
5 hearing today. It was originally entered as an interim  
6 order. Your Honor, the Creditors Committee has asked that we  
7 continue or extend the interim order on cash management until  
8 the December 10<sup>th</sup> hearing so that their financial advisors can  
9 have more time to deal with the complex issues in that  
10 motion. And so if it's all right, we'd like to submit  
11 another interim order to extend to December 10<sup>th</sup>. I believe  
12 there are no other objections.

13                   THE COURT: We have a hearing that day, right?

14                   MR. KESSLER: I'm sorry?

15                   THE COURT: That's the next hearing - -

16                   MR. KESSLER: That's our next omnibus hearing date.

17                   THE COURT: Yeah that's fine. Thank you. I've  
18 signed the order.

19                   MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, the next one is item 6 on  
20 your agenda. It's docket number 11, and it's the Debtors'  
21 motion to reject five unexpired office leases, *Nunc Pro Tunc*  
22 to the petition date. We filed this motion on the petition  
23 date or the commencement date. We served notice on each of  
24 the landlords of these five leases. No objections were  
25 filed; however, we did get a communication from one of the

1 landlords at first refusing to acknowledge that the Debtors  
2 had vacated the premises because some furniture was there.  
3 We reached a resolution with the landlord to abandon the  
4 furnitures of the landlord and to allow that this lease be  
5 deemed vacated as of the petition date, so all five of the  
6 leases were vacated prior to the petition date. There are no  
7 objections. The, we understand the rule in Delaware that the  
8 Court has the discretionary authority to allow a *Nun Pro Tunc*  
9 rejection. In this case, we believe it is warranted  
10 especially since no objections were filed.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 MR. KESSLER: Or submitted by the landlords.

13 THE COURT: Very good. Please approach. Anyone  
14 wish to be heard? All right, I'll approve the motion. Thank  
15 you. I've signed the order.

16 MR. KESSLER: Okay, Your Honor, the next one is the  
17 motion to approve a procedure for ordinary course  
18 professionals. There were no formal objections filed;  
19 however, in consultation with the United States Trustee's  
20 Office, we agreed to conform the order to an order that is  
21 used in another case in this district the *Nortek* case. Mr.  
22 McMahon does have, wants to make some information comments  
23 which we agreed he could make, notwithstanding he's not  
24 making an objection. What this order does is allow ordinary  
25 course professionals to accrue and be paid up to \$35,000.00

1 per month on a rolling basis with a small list of 13 or 14  
2 professionals monthly cap being as much as \$60,000.00, yet  
3 provides that ordinary course professionals who are non-  
4 lawyer professionals must waive any prepetition claims they  
5 have. And as 327(e) provides, which I think is illogical  
6 but, nonetheless, any lawyer who did not represent the Debtor  
7 prepetition will also waive any prepetition claim that such  
8 lawyer may have. I'm not exactly sure how that can happen,  
9 but so be it. Other than that, I think Mr. McMahon had asked  
10 us for a precise number of the ordinary course professionals  
11 who will no longer be necessary or used after the sale of the  
12 mortgage servicing business. I have not been able to get a  
13 precise number for him. Only I've been able to, can only say  
14 at this time that it is a large number of them who services  
15 will no longer be required after the mortgage servicing  
16 business is sold.

17 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Mr. McMahon.

18 MR. MCMAHON: Your Honor, with the Court's  
19 permission I just like to skip over this for the moment and  
20 come back to it at the end. I'm still trying to pin down one  
21 issue with my client.

22 THE COURT: That's fine.

23 MR. MCMAHON: Thank you.

24 MR. KESSLER: I assume that means I should hold the  
25 order?

1 THE COURT: I would expect so.

2 MR. KESSLER: Okay just trying, Your Honor, item 8  
3 on the agenda which is docket number 14 and 59. This is the  
4 motion that we filed on the first day denominated by us as  
5 the trading motion. Your Honor will recall that on an  
6 interim basis, the Court entered an order that restricted,  
7 restricts trading in equity of the Debtor only and did not,  
8 we did not request entry of the portion of the order that  
9 requested restricting, the restrictions on the trading of  
10 claims. On a final basis, we're again asking only that the  
11 trading restriction on equity be extended, and we are  
12 withdrawing without prejudice at this time request for any  
13 restrictions on the trading of claims. We may be back if we  
14 see trading activity of the size and magnitude that gives us  
15 any cause for concern about NOL's being lost in this case.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. KESSLER: And, again, no objections were filed.

18 THE COURT: All right, please approach. Anyone wish  
19 to be heard? I'll approve the motion. Thanks. I've signed  
20 the order.

21 MR. KESSLER: Next is item 10 on your agenda. And  
22 this is the motion for approval of procedures for interim  
23 compensation to 327(a) professionals. And no objections were  
24 filed. The procedures that we've proposed are traditional  
25 and typical procedures in this district. I can go through

1 them if Your Honor would like, but they're set out in the  
2 motion.

3 THE COURT: That's not necessary. Anyone wish to be  
4 heard? I'll approve the motion. Thank you. I've signed the  
5 order.

6 MR. KESSLER: Next, I'd like to do item 3 on your  
7 agenda which is the final hearing on the utilities' motion.

8 THE COURT: Very good.

9 MR. KESSLER: On this motion, Your Honor, there was  
10 one objection filed by PECO which I believe is Pennsylvania  
11 Electric. We have resolved their objection with an agreement  
12 to make a deposit that is in excess of the two week deposit.  
13 We have not heard from or received objections from any other  
14 party. And so with the resolution of the PECO objection, I  
15 can say that there are no outstanding rejections to that  
16 motion. We'd ask that it be entered on a final basis.

17 THE COURT: All right, please approach. Anyone wish  
18 to be heard? I'll approve the motion and the final order.  
19 Thank you. Oh I'm sorry, I've signed the order.

20 MR. KESSLER: Okay next on your agenda items 17 and  
21 18 and these two go together. Item 17 is docket #159 and  
22 160. These are motions that were filed by one lawyer on  
23 behalf of two individuals each seeking to compel the Debtors  
24 to assume or reject their contracts that were, I'll call them  
25 retiree contracts, that were, that came into place prior to

1 or at the time of the sale of this business to Capmark.  
2 These are executives who were paid for covenants not to  
3 compete, as well as long term severance payments. There are  
4 payments that still remain under the contracts. The Debtors  
5 have agreed to the motion to compel and would like to reject  
6 the contracts immediately. We have consent from counsel for  
7 the two movants to this rejection. This also is the motion,  
8 Your Honor, where counsel for the movants is asking that the  
9 order not attach, but instead seal the actual compensation  
10 agreements or retirement agreements with these two  
11 individuals. And I'm not sure if he's in the Courtroom or  
12 wants to address it himself - -

13 MR. WETZEL: Yes, I'm right here.

14 MR. KESSLER: Oh I'm sorry.

15 MR. WETZEL: That's quite all right. John Wetzel on  
16 behalf of the movants, Your Honor. We agree to the consent  
17 order. And what we would like to see is that the, as it  
18 turns out my clients picked it up on ethic that there was an  
19 attachment to the agreement. They didn't pick it up on pay  
20 and they would like to see these, the time and agreements  
21 because they contain a lot of personal information to be  
22 sealed. They're retired and the contracts are rejected. I  
23 don't see any harm in doing that, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Well, I'm sorry are they already on,  
25 have they already been filed?

1 MR. WETZEL: They were filed of record that's  
2 correct, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: They're on the docket.

4 MR. WETZEL: They're on the docket and the pace of  
5 docket, but the - -

6 THE COURT: Mr. McMahon.

7 MR. WETZEL: Pardon me?

8 THE COURT: I want to hear from Mr. McMahon.

9 MR. MCMAHON: Your Honor, Joseph McMahon for the  
10 United States Trustee. Again, the moving party filed them of  
11 public record and the issue is how do we put the genie back  
12 in the bottle at this point.

13 MR. KESSLER: For the record, Your Honor, the  
14 Debtors do not object to the ruling.

15 THE COURT: Can I, they're probably here. Hang on,  
16 let me look. They're in the binder, I assume? We're  
17 talking, I'm sorry. So it's Exhibit A, we're talking about  
18 the, are we talking about the agreement or the attachment to  
19 the agreement?

20 MR. KESSLER: The agreement, Your Honor, Exhibit #1,  
21 I believe referred to in the docket.

22 THE COURT: Well I don't see any provision in the  
23 contract about confidentiality.

24 MR. KESSLER: There isn't, Your Honor and that was  
25 the - -

1 THE COURT: Well I'm going to deny the motion, the  
2 oral motion I guess.

3 MR. KESSLER: The oral motion about striking it,  
4 Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Yeah the oral motion for seal striking  
6 the plea.

7 MR. KESSLER: So with respect then I would assume  
8 then with respect to the order, would you be striking that  
9 out of the order because there's a paragraph in there that  
10 basically says order that the attachment number one to each  
11 of the motions a compel be removed from the public docket and  
12 filed under seal.

13 THE COURT: Yeah I will strike that.

14 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: You're welcome. I have signed the  
16 order.

17 MR. KESSLER: Okay, Your Honor, I'm now through what  
18 I will affectionately call the easy part except for cash  
19 collateral which I ask that we push to the end because Mr.  
20 Sosnick is still on the train.

21 THE COURT: Right.

22 MR. KESSLER: So what we have left, according to my  
23 schedule, is the wages motion, the MSB, the 363 motion to  
24 sell military housing, and the, well the 363 sale motion to  
25 sell Premier asset. And there is a companion motion that

1 goes with the military housing which is, I believe, also will  
2 be a quick motion but since they go together, I'd like to  
3 keep it with it. And that's the assignment and transfer of  
4 an unfunded loan commitment number 14 on the agenda.

5 THE COURT: So 13 and 14 are in tandem? That's the  
6 military assignment thing.

7 MR. KESSLER: Yes.

8 THE COURT: All right. Obviously the MSB, cash  
9 collateral we're holding. Mr. McMahon is still trying to  
10 deal with the ordinary, is it the ordinary course, ordinary  
11 course issue. And we have an issue with the wages motion.  
12 All right.

13 MR. KESSLER: So if it's acceptable to Your Honor, I  
14 would like to begin now with the wages and benefits motion.

15 THE COURT: That's fine.

16 MR. KESSLER: If I can just have a moment. I've been  
17 asked if we should instead begin with the sale of the  
18 servicing business because I believe that's the central issue  
19 that is keeping everyone here today. And they probably let a  
20 lot of people go if we do that one first.

21 THE COURT: How long do you think that will take;  
22 awhile?

23 MR. KESSLER: Hard for me to guess. It could take a  
24 half hour, it could take two hours.

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1                   THE COURT: All right, I think I have, I have all  
2 the way until 7:00 p.m. tonight. So I don't want you to be  
3 in, you're going to run out of time at that point. So you  
4 manage the calendar, you manage the calendar however you  
5 wish. It's your hearing.

6                   MR. KESSLER: I want to do those two as the next  
7 two, sale servicing and wages and benefits. If I have to  
8 push things, I don't want to push those too. So I'd like to  
9 do - -

10                  THE COURT: Okay very good. However you want to  
11 proceed. So we'll do the sale?

12                  MR. KESSLER: Yes.

13                  THE COURT: All right.

14                  MR. KESSLER: Item 16 on your agenda, Your Honor.  
15 So, Your Honor, this is the motion for the sale of the  
16 mortgage servicing business or what we refer to as the MSB  
17 business. As Your Honor will recall, we went to a bidding  
18 procedures process. And at the end of the bidding  
19 procedures, we did get one additional proposal and I'll  
20 discuss at length that proposal and how we get to where we  
21 are today. But I'd like to begin by saying that I'm pleased  
22 to report that after much negotiation yesterday, Berkadia is  
23 the proposed purchaser of the MSB business and for a price  
24 superior to the price that was originally in the asset  
25 purchase agreement that was attached to the put auction.

1 If I can just capture my notes here, I will. So, Your Honor,  
2 let me advise the Court of the process and how we are here  
3 today. 4:00 p.m. on Friday was the bidding deadline. The  
4 Debtors received two other bids prior to the 4:00 p.m.  
5 deadline. The first one was from Fannie Mae with respect to  
6 a proposed purchase of just certain IP assets. And another  
7 was from PNC-Midland with respect to the Debtors' mortgage  
8 servicing business but without a proposal to buy the Fannie  
9 Mae portfolio of servicing. Capmark as Your Honor knows had  
10 already negotiated a purchase agreement with Berkadia. And  
11 for a bid to qualify, it must have been no less favorable to  
12 the Debtors than the transaction contemplated with Berkadia.  
13 By 4:00 p.m. Saturday, which was the bid qualification  
14 deadline, the Debtors determined, after consultation with the  
15 Committee, that the bid from Fannie Mae was a non-conforming  
16 bid and was not no less favorable than the other bids and;  
17 therefore, was not a qualified bid. In consultation, again  
18 with the Unsecured Creditors Committee, we notified Fannie  
19 Mae prior to the 4:00 p.m. bid deadline. The Midland bid  
20 contained certain conditions and uncertainties that made it  
21 impossible for the Debtors to conclude that that bid was a  
22 conforming bid that was no less favorable than the Berkadia  
23 transaction. It had certain conditions and contingencies to  
24 closing that were risk factors, contained execution risks,  
25 and made it very, very difficult for us to compare the apples

1 to oranges bids. Based on discussions with Midland and its  
2 counsel and the expectation that Midland would amend their  
3 bid to make it possible for the Debtors and the Committee to  
4 bring that bid up to a qualifying bid, the Debtors and the  
5 Unsecured Creditors Committee agreed to extend the bid  
6 qualification deadline for PNC until 4:00 p.m. Sunday  
7 afternoon. After that 4:00 p.m. Sunday extended deadline and  
8 after further analysis of the respective offers, the Debtors  
9 and the Committee were still unable to conclude that  
10 Midland's bid was a qualifying bid. The Debtor and the  
11 Unsecured Creditors Committee agreed to amend the procedures  
12 to again extend the deadline until 9:00 a.m. on Monday which  
13 was yesterday. The Debtors informed Midland of those  
14 provisions in the Midland bid that prevented such a bid from  
15 being a qualifying bid. By the 9:00 a.m. Monday morning new  
16 bid qualification deadline, the Debtors and the Unsecured  
17 Creditors Committee received a letter from Midland amending  
18 their prior bid. The Debtors and the Committee again sat  
19 down at length and mutually determined that the revised  
20 Midland bid was still not a qualifying bid. Based on  
21 discussions with Midland and its counsel and the expectation  
22 that Midland would amend their bid to make it possible for  
23 the Debtors and the Committee to conclude that the Midland  
24 bid is a qualifying bid, we extended the bid qualification  
25 deadline again from 9:00 until 10:00, then from 10:00 to

1 11:00, from 11:00 until noon, and from noon until 2:00 p.m.  
2 And all the while Berkadia was sitting in our offices ready,  
3 willing, and able to go forward. And then lastly, we  
4 continued to negotiate with PNC from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00  
5 p.m. last evening. At 11:15 a.m. Midland submitted another  
6 amended bid. The Debtors in consultation with the Committee  
7 determined that the revised bid was materially less favorable  
8 to the Debtors than the previous bid submitted by Midland.  
9 And so early in the afternoon, Midland verbally revised their  
10 bid by reducing the purchase price by a material amount. And  
11 this after, we believe, certain discussions and inquiries  
12 between Midland and certain third parties whose contracts  
13 would have to be transferred under the Midland proposal. The  
14 Debtors also learned that the favorable conclusion of the  
15 anti-trust investigation that had been initiated by the  
16 Department of Justice would not occur on Monday as previously  
17 expected increasing the Debtors' concern over certainty of  
18 closing. In addition, the Debtors learned that Freddie Mac  
19 would not be withdrawing their objection to any sale to  
20 Midland, again, further increasing execution risks for the  
21 Debtors associated with the Midland bid. The Midland team  
22 finally arrived at our office at 3:30 p.m. all of what I have  
23 described having taken place over the telephone and by e-  
24 mails. And prior to the last bid qualification deadline, the  
25 Debtors informed the Midland team of the terms that would be

1 needed to cause their bid to be a qualifying bid. At  
2 approximately 6:15 last night, the Midland team announced  
3 that they would not increase their bid and left our offices.

4 Now I will also advise the Court that during this  
5 entire period, we also tried to find a way to get the two  
6 parties on board so that PNC could buy that part of the  
7 business that it wanted and Berkadia buy the other part of  
8 the business that PNC did not want. Those negotiations also  
9 were not successful for a variety of reasons not all of which  
10 were necessarily conveyed to us. However, during the course  
11 of that day, Berkadia also increased its bid in an effort, I  
12 believe, we believe, to just have us cut off the bid  
13 extension deadlines that we continued to extend on behalf of  
14 PNC.

15 So after PNC decided they would not bid, we agreed  
16 to accept the Berkadia bid as they had proposed to amend it  
17 over the course of the day. And so I will now provide for  
18 the Court a summary of the revised terms.

19 The amended Berkadia asset purchase agreement  
20 delivers to Capmark an additional \$100 million dollars in  
21 cash at closing. Sixty million dollars increase in value,  
22 and let me explain the difference. The original proposal  
23 provided that \$75 million dollars of the value was to be  
24 provided in the form of a note. And Your Honor will recall  
25 that that note was subject to downward adjustment for losses

1 that may be incurred by Berkadia to Fannie Mae under the  
2 continuing loss sharing program of the Fannie Mae portfolio.  
3 As part of their revised bid, they agreed to replace that \$75  
4 million dollar note with \$75 million dollars of cash which  
5 means that the Debtors, the sellers will not share in any of  
6 the Fannie Mae portfolio losses going forward but Berkadia  
7 will take a 100% of those losses, and we will get the full  
8 \$75 million in cash. That note had been valued internally at  
9 approximately \$35 million dollars. So that getting \$75  
10 million in cash for what we had valued as a \$35 million  
11 dollar note increased our consideration by \$40 million  
12 dollars. In addition, actually I'm off by five million, \$30  
13 million dollars. In addition, they gave us \$25 million  
14 dollars in additional cash. The two numbers together if I  
15 have them right, should add up to sixty. And I know I didn't  
16 do it right, but it adds up to \$60 million dollars of  
17 additional value, hundred million dollars of additional cash.  
18 So that we believe that the amended APA will today after all  
19 expected adjustments will realize value to the estate of \$467  
20 to \$468 million dollars. And the old bid would have realized  
21 to the estate \$407 to \$408 million dollars, a difference of  
22 \$60 million dollars.

23 Your Honor, we're here today to ask that the Court  
24 approve the sale of the mortgage servicing business to  
25 Berkadia under that amended agreement as I just explained or

1 described to the Court. There had been numerous, well I  
2 shouldn't say numerous, 16 objections filed to this motion.  
3 It's actually not a large number when we consider the many,  
4 many hundreds of notices that were sent out to counterparties  
5 to contracts whose contracts will be assumed and assigned by  
6 this transaction. I have for Your Honor - -

7 THE COURT: I'm sorry I counted 22, but let's a re-  
8 file, but some were duplicate. Perhaps that's where - -

9 MR. KESSLER: You're right. I made a mistake.  
10 There was a couple of later objections and one is a  
11 duplicate.

12 THE COURT: Okay.

13 MR. KESSLER: One was a re-file.

14 THE COURT: I'm sorry I interrupted you.

15 MR. KESSLER: I would like to hand up to Your Honor  
16 a summary chart that we have prepared of the various  
17 objections so that Your Honor can follow along with us as I  
18 go through them. Give me a moment, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Of course.

20 MR. KESSLER: Ah, we found it. May I approach, Your  
21 Honor?

22 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you. Do you have a copy for  
23 Ms. Werkheiser please? Ms. Werkheiser, am I correct?

24 MR. KESSLER: So, Your Honor, this is a - -

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1                   THE COURT: I'm sorry before we go through that  
2 what, what, how are you, what are you, back up try again.  
3 What evidence are you going to put on in support of the - -

4                   MR. KESSLER: I plan to have the lawyer for Berkadia  
5 put on evidence of adequate assurance of future performance  
6 and, as well evidence of good faith for the 363(m) portion of  
7 the order.

8                   THE COURT: All right. What about the sale process,  
9 the highest and best business judgment. I mean I can take  
10 your statements or representations I suppose as evidence but  
11 if someone wants to cross that would be awkward.

12                  MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, there have been no  
13 objections filed to the process nor have there been any  
14 objections filed to the actual sale itself that are still  
15 pending today. All of the objections, I believe, relate to,  
16 relate to cure and adequate assurance as I go through this  
17 chart, but if necessary, again, I'll be glad to put on Mr.  
18 Fairfield who can go through the process.

19                  MS. CATON: Your Honor, Amy Caton from Kramer Levin  
20 on behalf of the Creditors Committee. When Mr. Kessler  
21 finishes, we also have some comments about the process that I  
22 think Your Honor would find helpful as we were involved the  
23 whole way along and are a, an economically disinterested  
24 party other than trying to get the best deal for the estate.

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1                   THE COURT: I understand. Well is there any  
2 objection. I hate to be a stickler, you know, but I do need  
3 evidence to make the findings. Is there any objection to  
4 using Mr. Kessler's representations to the Court of the  
5 events that occurred as evidence in support of the sale  
6 motion? I hear none. So the Court will so move that into  
7 evidence or allow that as evidence.

8                   (Debtor's Exhibit #1 received into evidence)

9                   MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor. And it may be  
10 if Ms. Caton wants to give some comments relative to the  
11 Committee rather than, it may be helpful to do that now  
12 before we go through all these adequate assurance objections.

13                   THE COURT: Very good; thank you.

14                   MS. CATON: Thank you, Your Honor. As I said  
15 before, we were the Committee was an objective third party  
16 here. All we wanted was the best price for this business and  
17 with the lowest execution risk. And we didn't have any  
18 preference for Berkadia or PNC. We were indifferent to who  
19 won the auction. We were concerned that there was a lot of  
20 execution risks with PNC. And we very much wanted them to  
21 submit a qualified bid and commence an auction. And we gave  
22 PNC multiple opportunities to become a qualifying bid. As  
23 the Debtors, I think, I have told you through their  
24 statements we worked arm and arm with the Debtors over the  
25 course of the weekend and yesterday to make sure that there

1 was a fair and impartial procedure and were consulted every  
2 step of the way with respect to PNC and the actions that the  
3 Debtors were taking with respect to PNC. They just simply  
4 never submitted a bid that was qualified and despite every  
5 communication that was made to them about what needed to be  
6 done. And we believe that Berkadia's offer and their revised  
7 sale agreement constitutes the best possible result for the  
8 Debtors' estates here.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 MS. CATON: Thank you.

11 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, the chart that I handed up  
12 is a summary of the objections and our responses to those  
13 objections. As Your Honor might imagine, this is a dynamic  
14 process and so a number of matters have been addressed and  
15 even resolved since we prepared this chart very late last  
16 night, early this morning. And I will update you with those  
17 updates as we, as we move along if that's okay.

18 THE COURT: Well I'm wondering whether we should put  
19 on the adequate assurance evidence before we go through the  
20 objections since many of them were adequate assurance  
21 objections. Why don't we complete the factual record before  
22 we work our way through the objections.

23 MR. KESSLER: Okay.

24 MR. CORNELL: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Jason  
25 Cornell, Fox Rothschild on behalf of Berkadia. Your Honor,

1 with me today is Tom Califano. I'd like to orally move his  
2 admission *Pro Hoc* and then represent to the Court we will  
3 submit papers after today's hearing.

4 THE COURT: Okay.

5 MR. CORNELL: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Yes, granted. Welcome.

7 MR. CALIFANO: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Your  
8 Honor, I have with me Mr. Tom Mara who is an Executive Vice  
9 President of Leucadia National Corp. which is a 50%  
10 shareholder of Berkadia which is a joint venture of Berkshire  
11 Hathaway and Leucadia National Corp. He's been authorized to  
12 testify on behalf of Berkadia and act in connection with this  
13 matter.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 MR. CALIFANO: So we'll call him for adequate  
16 assurance.

17 THE COURT: All right, please take the stand.

18 THOMAS E. MARA, DEBTOR'S WITNESS, SWORN

19 THE CLERK: Please state and spell your name for the  
20 record.

21 MR. MARA: Thomas E. Mara, M-a-r-a.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. CALIFANO:

24 Q. Mr. Mara, how are you employed?

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1 A. I'm employed by Leucadia National Corporation, 33 years  
2 Executive Vice President.

3 Q. And what is your relationship to Berkadia the purchaser?

4 A. I oversee the Leucadia's half interest in Berkadia.

5 Q. Okay. And have you been authorized to testify today?

6 A. I have.

7 Q. What, briefly what is Berkadia?

8 A. Berkadia is a joint venture formed 50/50 by Berkshire  
9 Hathaway Corporation and Leucadia National Corporation two  
10 publically traded companies for the sole purpose of the  
11 acquisition of Capmark Financial Services, mortgage servicing  
12 business.

13 Q. Okay. And how is Berkadia capitalized?

14 A. Berkadia will be capitalized at an amount equal to the  
15 purchase price which is about \$515 million dollars less than  
16 the perdiem adjustments plus working capital, so somewhere  
17 between \$475 and \$500 million dollars, half by Berkshire  
18 Hathaway and half by Leucadia National.

19 Q. Are Berkshire Hathaway and Leucadia National Corp.  
20 committed to support this venture going forward?

21 A. Yes, they have.

22 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the put agreement that's the  
23 subject of these hearings today?

24 A. I am.

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1 Q. Okay are you familiar with the obligations that Berkadia  
2 undertook under that agreement?

3 A. I am.

4 Q. Okay. Does Berkadia have the financial ability to meet  
5 these obligations?

6 A. Yes, they do.

7 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the mortgage servicing  
8 business that Berkadia is purchasing?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. Does Berkadia have the financial ability to run  
11 that business going forward?

12 A. Yes, it does.

13 Q. Okay does it, will it have the ability, excuse me, will  
14 it have the ability to perform the non-financial aspects of  
15 that business?

16 A. Yes. Berkadia intends to keep the entire company intact,  
17 all of the employees, of its systems, procedures, real  
18 estate, etc. etc.

19 Q. So it will be the same company - -

20 A. Same company, different ownership.

21 Q. Okay. Will Berkadia have, excuse me, Your Honor, will  
22 have a good capitalization after closing such that it can, so  
23 it can perform in the purchase business?

24 A. Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the contracts and agreements  
2 that Berkadia will be assuming under the put?

3 A. Generally.

4 Q. Okay. Will Berkadia have the ability to meet the  
5 obligations under those contracts?

6 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.

7 Q. Okay. Was Berkadia obligated to obtain certain approvals  
8 and consents from various quasigovernmental agencies?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. What is the status of those approvals now?

11 A. As far as I know, they've all been obtained as of today.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. With the exception, I'm sorry, with the exception of, I  
14 think, one or two licenses in the State of California or  
15 maybe one other state, but all of the federal approvals have  
16 been obtained.

17 Q. Okay. Has Berkadia received *intersum* approval from  
18 Freddie Mac?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Fannie Mae?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And HUD?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Were you involved in the negotiation of the put  
25 agreement?

1 A. I was.

2 Q. What was your involvement?

3 A. Painful. I was involved from beginning to end.

4 Q. All right could you explain why the process was painful  
5 or how it was painful?

6 A. It's, it took a long time, many, many days, nights  
7 without sleep, very difficult negotiations back and forth.  
8 If you read the put agreement and you'll see there's a lot of  
9 detail in there. And it's like every deal that you do very  
10 difficult.

11 Q. And were the Debtors advised was Capmark advised in this  
12 process?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. Did Berkadia negotiate with the Debtors in good  
15 faith?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. In your opinion was the price, the purchase price  
18 originally fair value for the assets?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. That Berkadia was purchasing. Did Berkadia at any time  
21 take any steps to interfere with or influence the Debtors'  
22 marketing process?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Okay. Did Berkadia do anything to inhibit or discourage  
25 other bidders?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did there come a time when Berkadia raised the proposed  
3 purchase price?

4 A. Unfortunately, yes, I understand from what I heard today.

5 Q. Could you explain those circumstances?

6 A. It was long negotiation yesterday; started early in the  
7 morning; ended early evening last night. And the way I look  
8 at it, we raised our price \$65 million not \$60, \$65 million.  
9 But at the end of the day with \$65 million a hundred million  
10 dollars more in cash.

11 Q. Has Berkadia operated in good faith throughout the  
12 process of purchasing these assets?

13 A. Yes, they have.

14 MR. CALIFANO: Your Honor, I have no further  
15 questions; subject to redirect.

16 THE COURT: Thank you.

17 MR. KESSLER: May I ask a couple of questions, Your  
18 Honor, just to complete the record?

19 THE COURT: In support of the motion?

20 MR. KESSLER: Yes.

21 THE COURT: All right.

22 DIRECT EXAMINATION

23 BY MR. KESSLER:

24 Q. Does Berkadia have any relationship with Capmark other  
25 than the purchase agreement?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did in your opinion did Berkadia act at full arm's length  
3 in this entire negotiation with Capmark?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Are you familiar, Mr. Mara, with the requirements under  
6 some of the servicing contracts that the servicer have  
7 certain ratings from the rating agencies?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Have you been able to obtain on behalf of Berkadia the  
10 indicative ratings that are necessary to meet the  
11 requirements of the servicing contracts?

12 A. What we've been told. We met with the rating agencies  
13 and we have been told that upon actual purchasing of the  
14 company that the ratings will be reaffirmed.

15 Q. Okay and by that I mean, that's why I use the term  
16 indicative, that once you, the company, the ratings that  
17 they've indicated they'll give you, you believe they will  
18 give you?

19 A. That's correct.

20 Q. And it is correct, is it not as you, I believe, testified  
21 for Mr. Califano that your intent is to continue the  
22 operation of the Capmark mortgage servicing business with the  
23 same employees, the same software, the same buildings as is  
24 now operated by Capmark?

25 A. That's correct.

1 Q. So nothing will change but the ownership and perhaps the  
2 executives on behalf of the ownership?

3 A. That's correct.

4 Q. And to the extent that Capmark is able to operate the  
5 business today, is there any reason to believe on your part  
6 that Berkadia would not be able to operate the business in  
7 the same way?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Okay now you're familiar with the terms of the contract  
10 that require that Berkadia offer employment to Capmark's  
11 employees on at least as good compensation terms as currently  
12 are being paid by Capmark?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And are you aware that at our request we asked and  
15 Berkadia sent us a letter confirming that there were no  
16 secret deals, behind the scenes deals for the compensation of  
17 any of the Capmark employees including the executives?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. And is that true?

20 A. That's true.

21 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor. I have no  
22 further questions.

23 THE COURT: All right, any cross examination by any  
24 party? Please adjust the microphone if you don't mind.

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1 | **CROSS EXAMINATION**

2 | BY ARLENE ALVES:

3 Q. Good afternoon, Arlene Alves with Seward and Kissel on  
4 behalf of U.S. Bank National Association. I have a few  
5 questions for you. U.S. Bank, just so you know, we are party  
6 to over 250 servicing agreements where Capmark is the  
7 servicer. Your testimony was, if you can confirm that, your  
8 plan is to keep the servicing business intact, is that  
9 correct?

10 A. That's correct.

11 Q. And you indicated that you were familiar with the  
12 contracts that are to be assumed, is that correct?

13 A. That's generally.

14 Q. Generally, yes. Did you perform due diligence regarding  
15 the extent of the servicing contracts that were whereby  
16 Capmark was performing servicing?

17 | A. Yes.

18 Q. And do you believe that you were given access to all of  
19 those servicing agreements?

20 A. I believe so.

21 Q. Do you believe that the APA that you've executed includes  
22 in the exhibit of servicing agreements to be assigned all of  
23 the servicing agreements whereby Capmark was performing  
24 servicing?

25

1 A. As far as I know the answer is yes. They've made us  
2 aware of the ones they were performing services on. They  
3 gave them to us. We're assuming that everything they're  
4 doing today, we I intend to assume tomorrow.

5 Q. Are you aware of whether there were any servicing  
6 contracts where Capmark is currently servicing which were  
7 excluded from the APA?

8 A. I'm not aware of any.

9 Q. Do you have an approach regarding any servicing  
10 agreements that were inadvertently excluded from the APA as  
11 to whether or not they would be included in your transaction  
12 if, indeed, Capmark is currently servicing under those  
13 agreements?

14 A. I think if it was inadvertent, it would be a mistake and  
15 we would correct the mistake.

16 Q. That's good to hear. You also indicated that you are in  
17 the process and have obtained certain approvals from  
18 quasigovernment and governmental agencies relating to  
19 servicing?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I also believe you testified that you have contacted  
22 rating agencies for other rating agency letters that you may  
23 be required under the agreements?

24 A. Yes, I've personally met with the rating agencies.

25

1 Q. Are you aware that there may be other requirements in  
2 connection with the transfer of servicing under some of the  
3 servicing agreements?

4 A. I'm not sure I understand your question.

5 THE COURT: I don't either.

6 BY MS. ALVES:

7 Q. Let me restate that. Are you aware that under some of  
8 the servicing agreements in order to effectuate a transfer of  
9 servicing there must be approval from other parties?

10 A. Yes. We've had an extensive amount of lawyers, as you  
11 can imagine, working on this and every approval that's  
12 required to obtain, we are, have either obtained or are in  
13 the process of obtaining that we're aware of.

14 Q. Is it your intention to comply with all of the conditions  
15 in the servicing agreements relating to approval of the  
16 transfer of servicing?

17 MR. KESSLER: Objection, Your Honor, I think that  
18 calls for a legal conclusion. We believe that certain  
19 transfer requirements in some of the contracts may be  
20 [indiscernible]. And asking this witness to agree  
21 [indiscernible].

22 THE COURT: Sustained.

23 BY MR. ALVES:

24 Q. Let me restate that. To the extent there may be certain  
25 conditions for the transferring of servicing which you have

1 been, let me restate that. Are you aware of any conditions  
2 relating to the transfer of servicing which will, you do not  
3 intend to perform?

4 A. Everything that we know about, we intend to perform on.  
5 But I'm going to have to defer to my lawyers as to whether or  
6 not we require an approval or not an approval. Every  
7 approval that we are told that we are required to obtain is  
8 our intent to do so.

9 MS. ALVES: Thank you. I have no further questions.

10 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Any other cross,  
11 Ms. Counihan?

12 MS. TOLEDO: Laura Toledo, I'm on behalf of U.S.  
13 Bankcorp Community Development Corporation.

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 BY MS. TOLEDO:

16 Q. I just have a question. Are you familiar with asset  
17 management and servicing agreements between the Debtors and  
18 Community Development Entities that are related to new market  
19 tax credits?

20 A. Not - -

21 Q. Do you have any knowledge of those?

22 A. Not personally, no.

23 Q. Are you, do you know, then I assume you do not know  
24 whether or not they are being assumed and assigned pursuant  
25 to the sale?

1 A. I don't. I'd have to go back and look at the details in  
2 the contract. I don't recall.

3 MS. TOLEDO: Okay, nothing further. Thank you, Your  
4 Honor.

5 THE COURT: You're welcome. Ms. Counihan.

6 BY MS. COUNIHAN:

7 Q. Good afternoon, my name is Victoria Counihan and I  
8 represent Anglo Irish Bank and Colligo Funding. They have a  
9 servicing agreement which was listed on the notice of cure  
10 and assumption and assignment. Do you know if the, if  
11 Berkadia intends to seek assumption and assignment of that  
12 agreement?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. You have indicated you had some discussions with rating  
15 agencies. Was Moody's one of those rating agencies?

16 A. Yes. I spoke, excuse me, Moody's I think I spoke to on  
17 the phone; Fitch and S&P I met with personally.

18 Q. And what did, what did Moody's tell you with respect to  
19 their indications of whether they would confirm the, the,  
20 whether the notes particular to this, this servicing  
21 agreement would be?

22 A. I didn't discuss specific servicing agreements. I  
23 discussed servicing in general with them and the ratings for  
24 the servicing operation.

25 Q. Have they provided any confirmation in writing?

1 A. And they won't until the deal, transaction actually  
2 closes.

3 Q. So they have indicated they will not provide any  
4 confirmation until after the closing?

5 A. All the rating agencies basically told me that they would  
6 provide a rack letter upon closing; at least they indicated  
7 that.

8 Q. Now if matters were to change between now and closing  
9 would Moody's have the ability to change their mind and not  
10 provide such a letter?

11 A. They can always change their mind.

12 Q. Last question, I think. A provision of the particular  
13 servicing agreement that Anglo has provides that if there is  
14 an event of default including if Moody's either downgrades or  
15 puts the notes under that particular servicing agreement on a  
16 watch list for downgrade that that would allow Anglo to  
17 terminate the agreement. Do you understand that you would be  
18 taking assignment of this contract if you're taking  
19 assignment of the contract subject to that provision so that  
20 if Moody's did not ultimately provide that letter that Anglo  
21 would have the ability to terminate the agreement?

22 MR. CALIFANO: Objection.

23 THE COURT: Basis? You need to be at a mike.

24 MR. CALIFANO: Sorry.

25 THE COURT: That's all right.

1 MR. CALIFANO: Your Honor, he already testified he  
2 wasn't personally familiar with that contract. There's at  
3 least one if not more legal conclusions embedded in that  
4 question.

5 THE COURT: I agree. I believe he testified that  
6 any legally, legal obligation that actually is a legal  
7 obligation under an agreement, they're going to assume. And  
8 I think he said he was going to assume all contracts although  
9 he may not be able to identify specific ones, is that  
10 correct, sir?

11 A. Yes, it is, Your Honor.

12 MS. COUNIHAN: Thank you, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: You're welcome.

14 MS. COUNIHAN: That's the only questions.

15 MR. CALIFANO: Your Honor, I'm just going to stand  
16 here for - -

17 THE COURT: That's fine, that's fine. Well, never  
18 mind. Yes, sir.

19 MR. ROVIRA: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Alex Rovira  
20 from Sidley Austin on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank and Wachovia  
21 Bank.

22 BY MR. ROVIRA:

23 Q. The question I have is under the put option, does  
24 Berkadia intend to assume obligations under the servicing  
25 agreements that arose prior to the closing date?

1 A. I'd have to go back and take a look at the agreement, but  
2 everything that's in the agreement we intend to assume.

3 Q. So if there's a breach of the, that becomes, that arose  
4 prior to the closing date but it becomes known after the  
5 closing date, is that something that Berkadia will perform  
6 and honor?

7 MR. CALIFANO: Objection, Your Honor, that also  
8 calls for a legal - -

9 THE COURT: Yeah these are all legal questions okay.  
10 He's not going to know. If it's an obligation, it's an  
11 obligation. What the agreement says, the agreement says.  
12 And to ask this witness whether, I mean he said it half a  
13 dozen times now if it's an obligation, they're required to  
14 pay, they'll pay it. And if not, they won't, and they'll  
15 talk to counsel.

16 MR. ROVIRA: Understand, Your Honor, I just wanted  
17 clarity on one of the provisions in the contract in the put  
18 option. That's it, okay, thank you.

19 THE COURT: Okay, you're welcome. And I read your,  
20 I read the objection with regard to prepetition defaults and  
21 I understand the legal issue involved.

22 BY MR. HARBOUR:

23 Q. Good afternoon, Jason Harbour of Hunton & Williams on  
24 behalf of Bank of America as Trustee and Master Servicer.  
25 Just a couple quick questions, hopefully. You testified that

1 you met with or spoke with the rating agencies when you did  
2 so, did you discuss downgrades of the servicing entity or the  
3 underlying bonds and securitization?

4 A. The conversations were focused on the servicing company  
5 itself.

6 Q. Did you discuss at all downgrades of the underlying paper  
7 that was entered into with under the securitization  
8 agreements?

9 A. No.

10 Q. You indicated that you did due diligence with respect to  
11 the servicing agreements, correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you do, did you also do due diligence with respect to  
14 the servicing operations and whether there were any defaults  
15 under the servicing agreement?

16 A. I'm sorry, I don't understand.

17 Q. It was a compound question; I apologize. Did you do due  
18 diligence with respect to Capmark Servicing?

19 A. We did a lot of due diligence with respect to Capmark  
20 Servicing.

21 A. Did you do any due diligence with respect to whether  
22 there were defaults under the servicing agreements that  
23 you're assuming?

24 A. We did.

25 Q. And how did you do that, what did you do?

1 A. We had lawyers involved, discussions with the company,  
2 reading the papers, a whole host of different things.

3 Q. Can you be more specific?

4 A. Probably not.

5 Q. Fair enough. You indicated that Berkadia would be  
6 capitalized by the purchase price plus an adjustment, plus  
7 the working capital, correct?

8 A. Approximately, yes.

9 Q. What's the amount of the additional working capital - -

10 A. I don't know yet. Whatever it is, we'll capitalize it.

11 Q. You said whatever it is we'll capitalize it. Are there  
12 any agreements in place that would require Berkadia to do so?

13 A. Yes, I mean we have to provide the company with adequate  
14 working capital.

15 Q. What are those agreements?

16 A. You'd have to refer, you have to take a look at the  
17 contract.

18 Q. What contract?

19 A. The put agreement.

20 MR. HABOUR: No further questions. Thank you.

21 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Harbour. Anyone else?

22 Last call? Mr. Kessler was blocking you. Yes, sir.

23 MR. LERNER: One day I'll grow up and be as tall as  
24 Mr. Kessler. Leib Lerner of Alston & Bird for Wells Fargo as  
25 Trustee for various securitization trusts, and I just have a

1 couple of questions that might have been overlooked before or  
2 missed.

3 BY MR. LERNER:

4 Q. When you were performing diligence into the Capmark  
5 Servicing Business did you do any diligence on the actual  
6 operations and how those operations work?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And did that include operations having to do with the  
9 business's relationship with the Trustees for the various  
10 securitizations?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And did that also include any reporting requirements to  
13 those Trustees for any defaults that might occur under the  
14 servicing agreements?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Can you briefly describe what those procedures are?

17 A. Again, it's a whole host of lawyers and people reading  
18 documents, discussing with the company, discussing with the  
19 company's lawyers. When I say the company I mean the  
20 servicing operations, the people who actually do the work,  
21 talking to their IT people, looking at their systems, etc.  
22 etc.

23 Q. Did you get any sense of timing of how long it might take  
24 from when a default might occur until the business would end  
25 up reporting or making a report of a default to any of the

1 Trustees?

2 MR. CALIFANO: Your Honor - -

3 THE COURT: What's the relevance? What's the  
4 relevance of the question?

5 MR. LERNER: Your Honor, the relevance is that Wells  
6 Fargo as Trustee has objected to the fact that there are,  
7 that there might be latent defaults that would not be  
8 necessarily found out for a length of time. And if, and if  
9 actually, if Mr. Mara did perform diligence then into that  
10 then he might have an idea of how long it takes from when a  
11 default occurs until when, until when the business is  
12 actually able to inform the Trustee. There's a whole host,  
13 it's a big business, there's a whole host of procedures. So  
14 that's why I believe that this question is relevant.

15 THE COURT: So maybe I can rephrase it for you. Are  
16 you, based on your due diligence, are you generally aware of  
17 how long it takes the servicer to inform a Trustee of any  
18 defaults under a mortgage?

19 A. I'm not, Your Honor, but however way the company operates  
20 today would operate the same way in the future. And they  
21 serviced \$260 billion dollars so there's a lot of people  
22 involved. And if there's a default, I guess when they found  
23 out the default, they notify you immediately, but can I swear  
24 that that's done in every instance; of course not. But we  
25 don't intend to change any of their procedures.

1 Q. And when you say that you guess they notify immediately,  
2 you don't know any timeframe of how the notification would  
3 go, is that correct?

4 A. I would hope that they would abide by the contract and  
5 notify everything within a timely fashion, but I can't  
6 guarantee that they've done that historically or they'll do  
7 it into the future. There's a thousand people that work for  
8 the company.

9 MR. LERNER: Thank you. No further questions.

10 THE COURT: I have a, I'm sorry, not related to your  
11 questions, but I have a clarification question to make sure I  
12 understand. In connection with the securitization trust  
13 you're buying or assuming the responsibility to service the  
14 mortgages contained in that trust on behalf of the Trustee of  
15 the securitization but you're not taking any obligations in  
16 connection with the actual securitization trust itself; i.e.,  
17 running it, selling it?

18 MR. MARA: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Okay. How did the distributions flow  
20 from the PNI into the mortgage to the securitization trust,  
21 do you know did they go through the Trustee? Does anyone  
22 know? I don't know either. I can't remember from two years  
23 ago in American Home. Okay that's fine. Any, any redirect?  
24 I'm sorry, any other cross? All right.

25

1 MR. KESSLER: If I may ask just one question to, to  
2 clarify one thing.

3 THE COURT: Okay redirect.

4 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. KESSLER:

6 Q. Mr. Mara, when you indicated that Berkadia will  
7 capitalize the company with additional working capital, does  
8 that include sufficient capital to meet all the servicer  
9 advances that will be required to operate these contracts?

10 A. Yes.

11 MR. KESSLER: Thank you. Your Honor, if - -

12 THE COURT: Any further redirect? All right, you  
13 may step down.

14 MR. MARA: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, if at this time, I think  
16 it would be appropriate for us to ask for a ruling from the  
17 Court on two issues that need to be, that we need to prove  
18 today. The first is the good faith purchaser requirement and  
19 you heard Mr. Mara's testimony that this was an extensive  
20 arm's length negotiation using his words painful, that there  
21 is no relationship present or in the past between the  
22 parties. There were no secret dealings and in addition,  
23 there are no secret agreements between Berkadia and the  
24 employees that are being hired under the agreement. In  
25 addition, since Berkadia is the only party purchasing, I

1 believe that we can meet the requirements of, I think its  
2 365(n), anyway the no collusion factor. And so based on the  
3 evidence and the fact that there is no evidence to the  
4 contrary, we would ask Your Honor to make a finding that  
5 Berkadia has acted in good faith and is entitled to the  
6 benefits of Section 363(m) as a good faith purchaser.

7 THE COURT: Any objection to the Court making that  
8 finding? I hear none. I'll make that finding.

9 MR. KESSLER: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Is there any other evidence that any  
11 party wishes to submit in connection with this motion? I  
12 hear none. That will close the evidence for this. Let's go  
13 through the objections.

14 MR. KESSLER: The second thing, Your Honor, I was  
15 going to ask for a finding on is the adequate assurance of  
16 future performance. What you heard in the cross examination  
17 by several people - -

18 THE COURT: Hang on - -

19 MR. KESSLER: Was an effort - -

20 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Are there any, is there any  
21 party still objecting to a finding of adequate assurance and  
22 future performance? Yes, okay. Well I'm not going to make  
23 that finding yet.

24 MR. KESSLER: Okay you want to hear argument on it  
25 now or at the end?

1                   THE COURT: Let's take that first. Yeah tell me why  
2 and then I'll hear any objection to the finding.

3                   MR. KESSLER: I have two basic points to make.  
4 First, when the statute says adequate assurance of future  
5 performance, we need to underscore the word adequate. It  
6 doesn't say guaranteed performance of future performance. It  
7 says adequate assurance of future performance. And I think  
8 Mr. Mara's testimony more than meets the standard that this,  
9 that this purchaser will adequately assure future performance  
10 under the contracts. First and foremost, Capmark has been  
11 performing up to this date as one of the top servicers of  
12 commercial real estate mortgages in the country as you've  
13 heard in this hearing, and I'd ask the Court to take judicial  
14 notice from other hearings. There has been no objection to  
15 Capmark's ability to perform these contracts. Berkadia is  
16 simply acquiring the mortgage servicing business lock, stock,  
17 and barrel not just the contracts but the people, the  
18 software, the buildings and, as Mr. Mara testified, is doing  
19 nothing to change the continuing operation of the company.  
20 So assuming we get past the, the capital requirements, the  
21 liquidity requirements which I'll come to in a moment, I  
22 cannot see how they could fail to meet the adequate assurance  
23 of future performance test when all they're doing is picking  
24 up the company lock, stock and barrel and changing the name  
25 at the top and perhaps putting a few new and different

1 executives in at the top; same management over the servicing,  
2 same employees doing the same business as they did before.

3 Second, you heard people trying to attack adequate  
4 assurance of future performance by asking Mr. Mara if they,  
5 if he is familiar with certain provisions of the contract,  
6 whether or not those provisions have been met on a going  
7 forward basis. I believe that's part of the adequate  
8 assurance test. Once this, the Debtor assumes and assigns  
9 those contracts as hopefully the Court will authorize us to  
10 do, the contracts, as the Court is fully aware, do not change  
11 in any way. The contracts will be assumed by Berkadia as is,  
12 where is. And if there are servicing requirements going  
13 forward, if there are servicing standards that are required  
14 of the bonds for a particular CNBS going forward and those  
15 ratings are not obtained or are downgraded, that will be  
16 Berkadia's risk on a going forward basis. It is not a test  
17 of whether or not this Debtor should be able to assume and  
18 assign those contracts to Berkadia. What I think we have to  
19 determine today is whether Berkadia is giving adequate  
20 assurance of future performance not guaranteed assurance of  
21 future performance. If they want to spend a billion dollars  
22 on this company and then default six months later on account  
23 of a servicing downgrade, that's their problem going forward,  
24 but we - -

25 THE COURT: Only hedge funds do that.

1 MR. KESSLER: Beg pardon?

2 THE COURT: That only hedge funds do that.

3 MR. KESSLER: Well then we should have asked Mr.  
4 Mara if Berkadia is a hedge fund and we can get past that  
5 hurdle. So, Your Honor, the last point I want to make is  
6 several of the parties tried to make a case on the adequate  
7 assurance evidence relating to their, to their default  
8 objections and the requirement that the Debtor cure the  
9 defense. These objections as we'll come to when we go  
10 through the various objections relate in many instances to  
11 counterparties who have said we don't know of any defaults.  
12 We're not aware of any defaults. We just can't accept the  
13 fact that the Debtor says the amount is zero. And as a  
14 result, we want to hold the Debtor hostage by requiring the  
15 Debtor to put up some kind of huge escrow in case we find  
16 that there's a default later. They have the burden of proof  
17 if they don't believe that our cure default notice was  
18 accurate. And if they wanted to, they could have done the  
19 proper investigation. We have not heard here that the Debtor  
20 has defaulted in any way forward and trying to attack  
21 adequate assurance of Berkadia by asking them if they're  
22 going to be liable for some cure default going forward or  
23 asking them legal questions about how the contract will be  
24 viewed after assumption. I don't believe reaches the issue  
25 of whether they're providing adequate assurance of future

1 performance today to take these contracts. And so with that,  
2 I will leave it and I think we should leave the issues of  
3 default notices and cure amounts to a later part of the  
4 hearing and not allow it to encumber the argument of whether  
5 Berkadia is providing adequate assurance.

6 THE COURT: All right, does anyone wish to be heard  
7 on adequate assurance? Ms. Counihan?

8 MS. COUNIHAN: Your Honor, Victoria Counihan again  
9 for Anglo American or Anglo Irish Bank, Corporation PLC and  
10 Colligo Funding Limited. Your Honor, we have a servicing  
11 agreement with the Debtors and the servicing agreement does  
12 permit the Debtor to transfer and assign the agreement. But  
13 there's a clause in there that says provided that Moody's,  
14 which is our particular rating agency, has confirmed in  
15 writing that the transfer of the assets or the assignment  
16 will not cause a downgrade qualification or withdrawal of the  
17 current ratings that are assigned by Moody's to the notes  
18 that are issued by the servicing agreement. So the issue  
19 that I'm having based on the testimony is number one, the  
20 witness testified that when they spoke to Moody's they didn't  
21 even talk about the notes that were issued pursuant to the  
22 servicing agreement. He only talked about whether there'd be  
23 a downgrading of the servicer which is a different issue.  
24 And also this is a condition precedent in the agreement to  
25 the assignment happening. So we have no problem if the Court

1 would be willing to put provision in the order that says by  
2 the closing date that the buyer has to have obtained  
3 confirmation from Moody's in writing that that the, there  
4 will not be, that the assignment of this particular agreement  
5 will not cause a downgrading of the underlying notes. The  
6 problem is that there's no testimony what so ever and no  
7 proof that they can, that they can meet this obligation under  
8 the servicing agreement. Moody's has said that they won't  
9 provide confirmation prior to closing which is required by  
10 our agreement. The witness said that they didn't even  
11 discuss with Moody the downgrading of the notes that are the  
12 underlying notes. There's no evidence that the Debtors can  
13 comply with the servicing agreement requirement. And we  
14 really have no idea if Moody's is going to confirm this. And  
15 certainly they don't expect that it's going to happen by  
16 closing under any circumstances. So that's our issue with  
17 adequate assurance is this particular provision and their  
18 contract maybe is a little bit different than other  
19 contracts.

20 THE COURT: All right, thank you.

21 MS. COUNIHAN: I do also have a cure issue but I  
22 don't know if Your Honor wants to take that later.

23 THE COURT: Let's save that for later. I think the,  
24 let me respond to that. I think the evidence was clear that  
25 Moody's, Fitch, and S&P there were meetings with those

1 Parties that they indicated orally that they intended to  
2 reinstate the existing ratings upon closing, that they don't  
3 and won't provide a written agreement or commitment to do  
4 that prior to the closing. So I think that, in effect, this  
5 contract is out of touch with reality and, in effect, is  
6 anti-assignment clause that is void under the Bankruptcy Code  
7 because it's an impossible condition to meet. I think the  
8 evidence is sufficient to provide adequate assurance that  
9 that term will be complied with to the extent it's relevant  
10 to the parties which is that the ratings stay in place post  
11 sale. So I'll overrule that objection. Anyone else on  
12 adequate assurance? All right, I find based on the record  
13 before me that the buyer has provided and is providing  
14 adequate assurance of future performance under any contracts,  
15 leases, etc. to be assumed and assigned to them under this  
16 agreement.

17 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor. And with those  
18 two rulings, I think that it will help us get through many of  
19 the objections. But if we can now go to my chart and start,  
20 I'll go through them numerically if that's okay with the  
21 Court?

22 THE COURT: That's fine. Does everyone have a chart  
23 that needs a chart? I think you have extras available, is  
24 that correct?

25

1 MR. KESSLER: I've given out about 15 or more copies  
2 in the Courtroom.

3 THE COURT: They're right there at the rail.

4 MR. KESSLER: No these are orders.

5 THE COURT: Do you have any extras?

6 MR. KESSLER: A lot of people have taken all the  
7 ones we have. We had a big stack of them.

8 THE COURT: If possible I'd ask you to share as good  
9 friends do when they have no other choice. All right, go  
10 ahead, Mr. Kessler.

11 MR. KESSLER: We had 15 and we gave them all out.  
12 Okay, Your Honor, the first one is the objection by Fannie  
13 Mae as counterparty to contracts under the desk program with  
14 the, Berkadia as the winning bidder, that has been withdrawn.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 MR. KESSLER: Similarly with number two Freddie Mac,  
17 I understand has withdrawn its objection.

18 THE COURT: Okay, hang on. Okay, fine. If Mr.  
19 Kessler says something you disagree with, pipe up okay.

20 MR. KESSLER: The third one is an objection filed by  
21 Affiliated Commercial Solutions, Inc. an affiliated  
22 commercial service. And according to their objection, which  
23 I'll summarize very quickly, they claim that the cure amount  
24 for their prepetition invoice is \$403,371.00 and not the  
25 \$148,100.00 that we put into our, into our notice as a cure

1 amount. And the, we have now in response to this received  
2 the invoices from ACS's counsel, we have no objection to the  
3 invoices except a \$15,000.00 invoice that is addressed to a  
4 Philippines Entity and we question whether that \$15,000.00 is  
5 an obligation of the Debtor. But, nonetheless, under the  
6 procedures for dealing with disputes over cure amounts that  
7 is in Your Honor's prior order, a dispute over the cure  
8 amount should not stand in the way of the assumption and  
9 assignment in the contract. We will put the amount in, the,  
10 the - -

11 THE COURT: Asserted amount.

12 MR. KESSLER: Asserted amount in controversy and in  
13 escrow and we will deal with that dispute going forward. We  
14 believe we're \$15,000.00 apart approximately.

15 THE COURT: So, in effect, cure amounts are for  
16 another day, but to the extent they're asserted, and I know  
17 there are some where they're asserted, if you will, in  
18 unliquidated or incoit way but dollar amounts, cure amounts  
19 and the asserted amount, you're going to escrow them and  
20 we're going to deal with it on another day.

21 MR. KESSLER: To the extent not already resolved.

22 THE COURT: Okay, very good.

23 MR. KESSLER: Number 4 is an adequate assurance  
24 objection and a cure amount objection. As far as adequate  
25 assurance, I think we've already, had resolved or have a

1 finding on that one.

2 THE COURT: And that's North Carolina Housing - -

3 MR. KESSLER: Oh I'm sorry, yes - -

4 THE COURT: Yeah let's identify for people maybe on  
5 the phone or others who don't have it in front of them.

6 MR. KESSLER: Yes sorry, my mistake, North Carolina  
7 Housing Finance Agency. This is one of those objections I  
8 believe, Your Honor, where they're saying they don't have the  
9 necessary information to object or not object to the cure  
10 amount. All I can say to that is that the Debtors sent out  
11 the notices with the information as contained in their own  
12 files. That the counterparty at this point has the burden to  
13 come forward and assert what they believe the cure amount to  
14 be. They have the burden of proof at this point. They get  
15 updated statements on a regular basis from the Debtor of its  
16 performance under their servicing contracts. And we object  
17 to all of these objections that simply say Debtor has the  
18 information; Debtor knows more than us; hold us up because  
19 we're not able to object to a specific amount. I would ask  
20 that that objection be overruled on that basis. We don't  
21 know of any better way to satisfy - -

22 THE COURT: I understand that. I'm not going to  
23 make a ruling on this until we go through the whole group of  
24 people who have this issue and I have an opportunity to hear  
25 from them if they wish. So I'm going to hold that issue in

1 abant until I hear from everybody. I don't want other  
2 parties to be prejudiced by the strength or weakness of a  
3 case that's put on by someone who just happens in front of  
4 them in the order. Having said that, does anyone wish to be  
5 heard on behalf of North Carolina Housing Financing Agency?  
6 All right, not being present, I will overrule the objection.

7 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: And, again, adequate assurance has been  
9 dealt with so those objections are overruled.

10 MR. KESSLER: Correct. So number 5, R. Donnelly was  
11 withdrawn and is followed by a new objection that we'll come  
12 to later.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MR. KESSLER: Number 6, Colligo Funding Limited and  
15 Anglo Irish Bank was an adequate assurance objection that  
16 we've already heard from their counsel - -

17 THE COURT: I think I'm going to ask if she had a  
18 cure issue as well.

19 MR. KESSLER: Well as far as my chart is concerned -  
20 -

21 THE COURT: Well let's hear from Ms. Counihan.

22 MR. KESSLER: It's an adequate assurance and asking  
23 that we pay, get confirmation from Moody's or agree to pay  
24 the fees and expenses, but I don't see that there's a cure  
25 amount objection.

1 THE COURT: Well let's hear from Ms. Counihan.

2 MS. COUNIHAN: Your Honor, I think the latter part  
3 of what counsel has stated is our cure issue. There's a  
4 provision in the servicing agreement that provides that the  
5 Debtors will pay all costs of assignment and we believe that  
6 that should include any costs for legal fees or cost to  
7 pursue this objection and that should be included as a cure  
8 claim. And we can certainly provide the Debtors with an  
9 amount if they are escrowing amounts or, or if they have, you  
10 know, we can provide them with the actual dollar amount that  
11 we believe it's going to be. But we think that pursuant to  
12 the agreement, the Debtor is required to pay all of the costs  
13 of the assignment and that they should be required to do  
14 that. I don't have a dollar number for you today but I can  
15 certainly quantify that and give that to the Debtors so that  
16 they know what the dollar amount is. I presume it would go  
17 through closing anyway.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Kessler.

19 MR. KESSLER: Well, I guess this is asking for a  
20 second bite at the apple. She's asking that her attorney's  
21 fees be paid for an overruled objection.

22 THE COURT: No she's saying you have the obligation  
23 under the contract to pay the costs of assignment which she  
24 says includes her attorney's fees. So even if she hadn't  
25

1 objected, I'm sure her client would have required her to  
2 review the documents, etc.

3 MR. KESSLER: So what I would propose, Your Honor,  
4 since we have not received any, any objection with a cure  
5 amount proposal different from what we have proposed is that  
6 they provide us with that information. We'll either agree to  
7 cure it by paying it or take the alternative that's available  
8 to us which is to put the amount in escrow and come back to  
9 Your Honor and deal with it at a later date.

10 THE COURT: Ms. Counihan, if you can provide them  
11 with an estimate offline.

12 MS. COUNIHAN: I will do so, Your Honor, and that's  
13 acceptable.

14 THE COURT: All right, very good.

15 MR. KESSLER: Number 7, Your Honor, is an objection  
16 by Wells Fargo Bank and this is one of those more problematic  
17 objections where they are saying, they are asking that  
18 because they're not able, so they say, to identify a specific  
19 cure amount different from what we propose that we be  
20 obligated to place a percentage of the purchase price into  
21 escrow with them for a one year period from which future  
22 identified breaches and defaults can be cured, that we should  
23 also guarantee that we will cover any deficiency and grant  
24 them an administrative expense claim for those deficiencies.  
25 And that the transfer of servicing to Berkadia be permissible

1 only if the Debtors cure all breaches that they may identify  
2 in the future. They're also asking that we pre-pay to Wells  
3 Fargo an amount that covers possible reasonably expected  
4 breaches or defaults. And that the APA be revised to require  
5 the buyer to assume all liabilities other than those  
6 currently known cure amounts that are satisfied by the  
7 Debtors prior to the sale. They go on to ask that the Debtor  
8 establish that we give adequate assurance of future  
9 performance which we have done. And they say that, that our  
10 lists of contracts for which we assert Wells Fargo as the  
11 Trustee and are to be assumed and assigned contains errors  
12 and that we need to correctly identify these agreements. I  
13 believe first that they're not entitled to any of the cure  
14 amount type of relief that they request. It would be an  
15 egregious burden on these Debtors to take the amount of  
16 purchase price that they are requesting, put it into escrow  
17 with them for as long as a year, and give Wells Fargo the  
18 opportunity for a year to try to identify pre-assignment  
19 defaults under their contract, obviously on the adequate  
20 assurance part that's already been ruled on by the Court.  
21 And I would also hasten to bring to the Court's attention  
22 here again that they have not identified any defaults under  
23 the contract. The Debtors claim there are no defaults. And  
24 they have the burden, if they believe that the Debtors have  
25 defaulted and have an obligation to cure, to bring forward

1 today in some form of written document what are the defaults  
2 so that we can see them and make some decision as to whether  
3 we will cure those defaults or chose not to assign the  
4 contracts. But to ask us to make a decision today to assign  
5 the contracts in a blind and possibly have millions and  
6 millions of dollars of future default obligation is not an  
7 obligation under Section 365, is not a remedy that we believe  
8 any counterparty to a contract is entitled to under Section  
9 365, and we would ask that the Wells Fargo objection be  
10 denied in its entirety as we will similarly ask for a number  
11 of the other banks who simply banded together to make this  
12 same type of objection that by our calculation might require  
13 hundreds of millions of dollars be placed in escrow to  
14 satisfy the types of objections that they're asking for.

15 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Lerner.

16 MR. LERNER: Thank you, Your Honor. The first point  
17 that I want to make on behalf of Wells Fargo is we're not  
18 talking about Wells Fargo alone a small amount of, of money  
19 by the last calculation. It was over a hundred billion  
20 dollars in outstanding balance, but let's to take this, I  
21 guess, from a broader perspective. Counsel, Debtors' counsel  
22 called this banks or the Trustees banding together actually  
23 they share the same concerns. And I'm not speaking for them.  
24 I'm just speaking for Wells Fargo as Trustee, but the primary  
25 issue or problem that we're dealing with is Capmark has all

1 of these documents. The Trustees are entirely reliant upon  
2 Capmark for notice of any default. And as Mr. Mara admitted  
3 before, the procedures are, are unknown. Definitely Wells  
4 Fargo doesn't know them. It would be, you know, it would be  
5 nice if the Debtor or Berkadia knew how those, how those  
6 would happen, but we're looking here at the biggest problem  
7 which is what's going to be with defaults that exist or - -

8 THE COURT: Are we talking about defaults under the  
9 servicing agreement or are we talking about defaults under  
10 the underlying mortgage which would give rise to obligations  
11 of the servicer to advance the monies?

12 MR. LERNER: The latter is, is, I guess, the one  
13 that's more, more worrisome because of the latency of that.  
14 The, obviously the defaults that are going to be between  
15 let's say directly between Capmark that exists before,  
16 between Capmark and Wells Fargo. We don't know any of those  
17 to exist. It's, but the other defaults that would then give  
18 rise to reporting requirements, that would, that would give  
19 rise to requirements for Wells Fargo as Trustee, to then  
20 notify and take care, notify the investors for whom its  
21 trustee for under the securitization agreements and for all  
22 of the other tangential duties that the trustee has.

23 THE COURT: Let me, maybe I can cut through this.  
24 Counsel for Berkadia, if you could come to the podium. I  
25

1 have a question. Berkadia is assuming the obligations of  
2 servicer under all these contracts.

3 MR. CALIFANO: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: If there were defaults in the underlying  
5 mortgage that arose the default itself under the underlying  
6 mortgage arose prepetition and there were certain, in that  
7 instance there were certain notice requirements, there are  
8 also certain substantive requirements to front advance the  
9 losses, etc. that don't come to light until the post sale  
10 period. So you've got defaults on the underlying mortgages  
11 that may have arisen presale but don't come to light to your  
12 client or to the trustee to Wells Fargo or other similarly  
13 situated persons, is your client assuming the liability,  
14 i.e., the obligation that would arise under the servicing  
15 agreement in connection with such a default?

16 MR. CALIFANO: So is the question is my client  
17 assuming the obligation to make servicer advances for pre-  
18 November 24<sup>th</sup> defaults that may not be known or may not have  
19 been notified?

20 THE COURT: Yes.

21 MR. CALIFANO: I assume so. Let me check. Yes,  
22 Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: All right. Doesn't that solve your  
24 problem? In other words, the defaults are there. They may  
25 have occurred. They may be occurring as we speak. I think I

1 read today that one out of four U.S., of course this is  
2 commercial mortgages, but one out of four U.S. mortgages home  
3 mortgages is under water, probably mine too. And so but  
4 certain obligations of the servicer arise to deal with the  
5 borrower's defaults. And if they don't do that properly, I  
6 suppose that would, in effect, result also in a default under  
7 the MSA or whatever agreement is in place. But an adequately  
8 capitalized company is coming in and they're going to do the  
9 servicing job and if those obligations arise, they're going  
10 to pay them. I don't see what the possible issue could be  
11 for Wells Fargo, and I don't see why you need money put aside  
12 to pay as cure something that's going to get paid by the  
13 buyer as part of the ordinary course of business post sale if  
14 you know where I'm coming from.

15 MR. LERNER: I do understand where Your Honor is  
16 coming from. And it wasn't until a few moments ago it was  
17 unclear to me, and I believe to more than just me and, maybe  
18 if I'm getting it wrong now, maybe somebody else wants to  
19 stand up that Berkadia is assuming all of those liabilities  
20 even for prepetition what we're calling latent, latent  
21 defaults. But if that is correct, then I think that - -

22 THE COURT: I'm not trying to box them in. The  
23 contract says what the contract says.

24 MR. LERNER: Well, well and that's, and that's just  
25 it is that the way we read the contract and the way we read

1 the proposed order that's not what's happening here. If that  
2 it would be what's happening then I believe that, that the,  
3 that part of the objection would, would fall away. There  
4 would be a - -

5 THE COURT: Well let's say this. I am sure they're  
6 preserving all their defenses under the contract, the  
7 underlying contracts and if they have an obligation, they  
8 have an obligation. If they don't, they don't. If the  
9 Debtor committed some wanton act of, well I don't want to  
10 start hypothetical questions, but - -

11 MR. CALIFANO: Well, Your Honor, but the question  
12 was with respect to servicing defaults that aren't discovered  
13 and servicer advances that are not yet discovered because of  
14 an underlying borrower default, and I have confirmed that  
15 those servicer advances for undiscovered borrower defaults  
16 will be honored - -

17 THE COURT: And if you discover that, you know,  
18 default notice should have been given to the Trustee 60 days  
19 ago but you don't discover it until 30 days post closing,  
20 you're going to give the notice and maybe it's a non-monetary  
21 default. If it is, it is and they can do what they want and  
22 you'll have the defenses you have.

23 MR. CALIFANO: Yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: I just I'm not trying to coy. It was  
25 less than clear to me as well, and I understand your issues,

1 but it sounds to me like this as a practical matter takes  
2 care of your client's problems.

3 MR. LERNER: Yeah much of it and then there would be  
4 also, of course, under the transaction documents the issue of  
5 attorney's fees and these things. And what I heard before  
6 from the Debtor is that they would deal with those in the  
7 ordinary course. And I think that if that is what they would  
8 maintain with Wells Fargo, then that would probably also  
9 resolve that issue.

10 THE COURT: All right, well if, you know, if you're  
11 entitled to the fees you are. And if you're not, you're not.  
12 And if you are, it may be a cure amount. It may be,  
13 somebody's going to pay. And either the Debtor is cure or  
14 the buyer in the ordinary course. But that's an issue, you  
15 know, I can't decide today. I don't know what your contract  
16 says about attorney's fees and whether it would cover  
17 everything in connection with the bankruptcy or not.

18 MR. LERNER: And to that, we would want to preserve  
19 our objection to the zero cure amount to the extent that that  
20 becomes an issue or that there are - -

21 THE COURT: Well here's what I'm going to do with  
22 that. If anyone wants to reserve that right, you need to  
23 give the Debtor a good faith estimate prior to closing.  
24 Otherwise, they don't know what to set aside. You know, you  
25 can't, I don't want to hear it now. I don't want to hear

1 what the bills are now, but I think prior to closing the  
2 Debtor needs to have an idea of what you're talking about  
3 because it affects, since it's being escrowed, to deal with  
4 at a later date it's going to affect what needs to be  
5 escrowed and what can be distributed.

6 MR. LERNER: I think with that, that that concludes  
7 everything that I needed to say.

8 THE COURT: Now I want to hear from anyone else  
9 right now is the time to deal with this. I'd like to hear  
10 from anyone else on this cure claim zero defaults that may  
11 have arisen that need to be paid. And Mr. Harbour is behind  
12 you, Mr. Kessler.

13 MR. HARBOUR: He's a pretty big guy I don't know.  
14 Your Honor, for the record Jason Harbour, Hunton & Williams  
15 again on behalf of Bank of America as Trustee and Master  
16 Servicer. I'm not sure that the entire question was answered  
17 with respect to the cure issue. There are potentially cures  
18 by or default for other bi-borrowers and it's great that if  
19 those defaults by borrowers happen pre-closing that the  
20 purchaser will make servicing advances. That certainly  
21 resolves that concern. Our concern, however, primarily  
22 focuses on specific defaults made by Capmark with respect to  
23 their servicing obligations.

24 THE COURT: Do you know of any?

25 MR. HARBOUR: Yes, we do know of one. Capmark did

1 not inform us of it. In fact, the certificate of holder  
2 informed us of it that Capmark failed to make escrow deposits  
3 in the amount of a \$131,000.00 per month for two and a half  
4 years which has aggregated to a \$3.8 million dollar  
5 deficiency in an escrow account which, you know, could  
6 substantially obviously impact the value of that loan. Now  
7 that's just one example in 57 hundred loans that we have but  
8 that's a default. And there are other potential defaults,  
9 Your Honor. They could have, it's very easy to conceive that  
10 they might have failed to pay an insurance policy. The  
11 policy dies and there's a fire. There's a casualty, and  
12 that's just a loss. And that would be directly Capmark's  
13 responsibility and to say that we've got to come up with all  
14 of the information in 20 days when we don't have the  
15 information, Your Honor. What Bank of America is Trustee and  
16 Master Servicer from my understanding receives are monthly  
17 statements and those monthly statements go to principal and  
18 interest. They go to, you know, whether certain payments  
19 have been made. Then at the end of the year, then there's an  
20 annual audit, Your Honor. So the last annual audit that's  
21 done by an accounting firm was received March, approximately  
22 March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 not only covered 2008; notably, Your Honor,  
23 that didn't pick up the \$3.8 million dollar default that we  
24 now know about. Instead, it said everything was fine but we  
25 don't even have that right now, Your Honor. We don't have

1 from the servicer information about whether they've done  
2 servicing properly because we won't know that until they've  
3 done their annual report. So what we're asking for, Your  
4 Honor, isn't that we hold the Debtors up or tie their hands  
5 behind their back. We're asking that we receive an  
6 administrative claim for any cure amounts that we  
7 subsequently discover. We're asking for an appropriate time  
8 period to try to investigate whether such breaches have  
9 occurred. And, Your Honor, hopefully, very much hopefully  
10 the \$3.8 million dollar one is the only one with respect to  
11 our loans that would be fantastic, and we'd love for that to  
12 be the case. And in that instance putting an appropriate  
13 size escrow account and granting us administrative claims  
14 costs the Debtors nothing. If, however, Your Honor, it turns  
15 out that there are substantial defaults and, Your Honor, this  
16 is somewhat different than the residential mortgage context  
17 because each loan here, you know, not only is probably at  
18 least a few million dollars but could be tens if not hundreds  
19 of millions of dollars. So even though there may not be a  
20 lot of defaults one or two defaults, 10 defaults could  
21 quickly add up to \$50 million dollars if there's substantial  
22 defaults that can rise to huge losses. Now the Debtors, Your  
23 Honor, are the parties that know this information or that  
24 have the information if they choose to go look at it to find  
25 out whether defaults occur. We simply don't have that

1 information, Your Honor. So as I was saying a moment ago, we  
2 would request that Your Honor set up a time table that we can  
3 agree on a time table with the Debtors to try to figure out  
4 whether any defaults have really happened. Maybe discovery  
5 is necessary. Maybe we can agree to an appropriate process  
6 whereby we look at the annual audit. But something so that  
7 we have some real information so that Bank of America as  
8 Trustee and the other trustees can say they've really done  
9 their duties to protect the certificate holders and the  
10 security holders and that they're not cut off  
11 inappropriately. I mean the Bankruptcy Code requires the  
12 Debtors to cure defaults. And there hasn't been enough time  
13 for us to determine whether their defaults exist.

14 THE COURT: If there has been a default, the Trustee  
15 may not assume unless at the time of assumption it cures.  
16 Now that to me, and I think the law would agree, that if  
17 you've got an inchoate unliquidated default that you haven't  
18 asserted yet, it's, it can't be that that contract can't be  
19 assumed or assigned or we would never be able to assume an  
20 assigned contracts under the code ever. And we do it all the  
21 time.

22 MR. HARBOUR: I'm not disagreeing with Your Honor.  
23 You have me at a little bit of disadvantage. I don't have  
24 the code in front of me right now. But it also those  
25 sections of 365(b) (1) (a) and (b) I know talk about providing

1 adequate assurance of cure and that's what I'm talking about  
2 here. I'm talking about providing adequate assurance that  
3 they will cure, that they can cure, not that we're going to  
4 be cut off and that three months from now, six months from  
5 now - -

6 THE COURT: I'm not sure if you discovered the  
7 default six months from now it would be a cure claim. I mean  
8 I don't know if that's the case.

9 MR. HARBOUR: Okay, Your Honor. It seems to be that  
10 if there's an unknown default that it needs to be cured or  
11 they should be providing adequate assurance that it's cured.  
12 It's my understanding that the Courts regularly escrow funds  
13 and provide claimants with administrative claims for  
14 situations where the contract may be such that the parties  
15 can't know because of the extendency of the sale process  
16 whether defaults have occurred at the time.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MR. HARBOUR: So that's really what we're asking  
19 for, Your Honor.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. HARBOUR: And with respect to tying the hands,  
22 I'll go one step further and indicate that we've, I've  
23 discussed it with I think counsel for Wells Fargo, U.S. Bank,  
24 some of the other Trustees and a cure amount of, a total of  
25 \$60 million dollars for all of the objecting parties to our

1 minds would be appropriate here as long as we also receive an  
2 administrative expense plan. And that's not the end of the  
3 world for the Debtors because they haven't proposed a plan  
4 yet. They're not looking to come out of bankruptcy yet. At  
5 that point, okay we'll have had a process. We'll have looked  
6 at it, and we'll have been able to do the due diligence to  
7 determine whether any defaults have existed, but this process  
8 is just too fast and not appropriate. Thank you, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: You're welcome. Anyone else on this  
10 issue?

11 MR. BENEDICT: Your Honor, this is Mark Benedict on  
12 the telephone for GE Capital.

13 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

14 MR. BENEDICT: I think my issue is a lot more  
15 limited, Your Honor. My client did not receive the necessary  
16 documentation under the servicing agreement, the financial  
17 information from which we could determine whether there was a  
18 cure. Very early in the case, we requested that information  
19 from Capmark. Right about the time this hearing commenced,  
20 we were provided about a 150, 160 pages of documents which  
21 was the financial information we had requested. We're going  
22 to need a short period of time to review that and then let  
23 the Debtor know whether we think there is or is not a cure.  
24 We believe we can do that before closing. And if there's a  
25 dispute, we certainly can have that amount escrowed if

1 there's a dispute as to the amount. But we think between now  
2 and closing, we can identify if there is a cure amount issue  
3 outstanding.

4 THE COURT: Okay. Anyone else?

5 MS. ALVES: Your Honor, Arlene Alves again for U.S.  
6 Bank as Trustee. We share in the concerns that were raised  
7 by Mr. Lerner and by Mr. Harbour. We do believe here that  
8 this information is exclusively within the control of the  
9 Debtors. And we have, I believe, we, there are situations  
10 where these types of service defaults would not come to our  
11 notice, would not become, we would not become aware of them  
12 for a significant period of time, so we believe an  
13 appropriate process to protect our interest should be  
14 provided here. To the extent the Debtors are correct, you  
15 know, we're not going to be taking any of the valuable estate  
16 resources. They will end up keeping all that money. To the  
17 extent we have been harmed and we had no way of knowing the  
18 harm, we will be compensated and provided our adequate  
19 assurance. I would also like to point out we have a separate  
20 issue here which is with respect to the U.S. Bank  
21 transactions. We've gone into great detail in our objection.  
22 We have been, we have not received cure notices for all those  
23 transactions which our records indicate are being serviced by  
24 Capmark. We have undertaken tremendous efforts both with  
25 Debtors' counsel and with the 19 different offices of U.S.

1 Bank that are involved here to try to reconcile that and to  
2 determine that, and we are looking for assurances that to the  
3 extent Capmark is servicing and we have not been able to  
4 identify those transactions that they're included, and that  
5 to the extent cures are appropriate that we be provided with  
6 a cure.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Anyone else?

8 MR. ROVIRA: Good afternoon, Your Honor, again, Alex  
9 Rovira from Sidley Austin on behalf of Wells Fargo Bank and  
10 Wachovia Bank in their capacities as master servicers and  
11 sub-servicers over a 100 other servicing agreements. Your  
12 Honor, we share the same concerns that were raised with  
13 respect to the default and latent default breaches that may  
14 have occurred. Prior to the assumption that we are not aware  
15 of which we may become aware of post to assumption and which  
16 we believe that there should be an adequate process in order  
17 to provide for that cure amount. We don't think that there's  
18 anything in the Bankruptcy Code under 365 or the case law  
19 that would allow the Debtor to say okay on this date tell me  
20 how much you're owed and if you don't tell me, you are  
21 forever estopped from recovering that amount. We don't think  
22 that's what the Bankruptcy Code provides for. We think that  
23 to do so would be, to allow the Debtor to get more than the  
24 substantive rights that are under the contract. It would  
25 allow the Debtor to create a clean slate and a more valuable

1 asset which we do not believe is what the Bankruptcy Code  
2 provides for. I think the fact that other cases have  
3 provided a reserve or an escrow amount in order to handle  
4 cures or latent or unknown objections is evidence that there  
5 are these concerns specifically where - -

6 THE COURT: Can you point me to a case where the  
7 Court has required escrows to cover potential latent or  
8 undiscovered claims?

9 MR. ROVIRA: Well, Your Honor, mine has been - -

10 THE COURT: I heard a couple times now it's been  
11 done so I'm not aware of it ever being done.

12 MR. ROVIRA: Well my understanding was and, Your  
13 Honor, will be more learned than I am on this, in *American*  
14 *Home* and in *Homebanc*, they were unable at the time that the  
15 cure amounts, the notices were issued to be able to provide  
16 an accurate accounting of what the cure amount was at that  
17 time. And I understand that the Court ordered a process of  
18 30 days okay make it a good faith effort to try to estimate  
19 what those latent or unknown cure amounts may be. I, so I  
20 think that's a process that kind of evidences that there's,  
21 there's that possibility. But I don't think the Bankruptcy  
22 Code says you're estopped if you have a latent or unknown  
23 claim. I think the Bankruptcy Code and the case law  
24 specifically provides, well it doesn't specifically provide,  
25 but provides that the contract is to be assumed in full. And

1 the non-debtor counterparty is supposed to get the full  
2 benefit of its agreement.

3 THE COURT: Doesn't it come down to who pays the  
4 bill? It's not that you don't have a claim. It's not that  
5 you won't be able to exercise your remedies if you're harmed  
6 by default. You want to enforce the default, but to me and  
7 there may be limitations of course, but to me I've heard loud  
8 and clear from the buyer that in everything I'm hearing that  
9 people are worried about, they're going, they're assuming  
10 whatever liability there is. Go ahead, sir.

11 MR. CALIFANO: Your Honor, I just want to make it  
12 clear - -

13 THE COURT: Well and let me just say with, subject  
14 to defenses I mean if you, if you, if you're buying a pig in  
15 a poke, you know, there's no way for you to know.

16 MR. CALIFANO: Right but, Your Honor, when, the  
17 contract does not provide that we're taking on pre-closing  
18 liabilities.

19 THE COURT: Right.

20 MR. CALIFANO: What we are agreeing to do, I thought  
21 I made it clear, I'll make it very clear. To the extent  
22 there are servicer advances which come due as a result of an  
23 underlying borrower default that has not been discovered as  
24 of today and is discovered in the ordinary course - -

25 THE COURT: You'll pay this.

1 MR. CALIFANO: We'll pay those servicer advances.

2 THE COURT: I understand.

3 MR. CALIFANO: We're clear?

4 THE COURT: No, no I think that's helpful for the  
5 record. You know, it's really difficult for me here and I  
6 don't know what to do about this, this is, everybody's being  
7 very amorphous. There may be something that arises under my  
8 agreement which I don't know about which might be a default,  
9 and I'll know in a year, and if that's a problem then the  
10 Debtor has to pay me an admin claim. You know at some point  
11 the music has to stop in a claim, it's a default claim that's  
12 so incoherent that it can't be articulated. It simply can't hold  
13 up the process of getting this, these contracts assumed and  
14 assigned, figuring out what the cure amounts are, and going  
15 forward. I mean you can assert, maybe you can assert admin  
16 claim at a later date, but I don't see why I have to require  
17 escrow -- let's put it this way. If an admin claim arises  
18 at a future date as a result of the default that wasn't cured  
19 that you can come in and prove me, prove up to the Court  
20 you'll have an admin claim. Why should I, why should you, why  
21 should you be in a special position as any other admin  
22 claimant. There are other admin, the lawyers when they have  
23 a carve out, every other admin claimant is coming in here  
24 will get paid. And it's a timing issue. It's an escrow  
25 issue, but that's for another day. I'm not saying they don't

1 have to cure. I'm saying that in my mind now is not the day  
2 to deal with it, and I don't see any evidence or any argument  
3 today that would make me think, you know, it's so likely that  
4 it's going to happen. And it's so likely this estate is  
5 going to dissipate that in order to protect these potential  
6 administrative expense claims, I've got to somehow escrow  
7 money now. I mean if they're claims that nobody knows about  
8 that arise later and they relate back to a period prior to  
9 the closing, I guess is I'm ruminating here a little bit, but  
10 I guess as a matter of law you'd have an admin claim.

11 MR. ROVIRA: Well that's where I don't know if  
12 there's clarity. If we would have an admin law we, an admin  
13 claim and we could provide for that in the order, I think we  
14 would be satisfied with that. I think a Debtor and my  
15 concern is that the Debtors may say you're estopped from  
16 that. You had your opportunity to say what the cure amount  
17 was. You know, that was your time and moment. Now that  
18 something arose where it's, it's a lay in defect where it's,  
19 and, and to address the concern is not servicing advances  
20 only - -

21 THE COURT: I think you're right. I think borders  
22 generally provide that because there's no way for the Debtors  
23 to figure out if the transaction makes any sense unless they  
24 have some solid idea of what the cure claims are especially  
25 where the Debtors' liable as opposed to the buyers liable,

1 although the buyer usually wants to know too. I understand  
2 the conundrum. I understand that and you're put in a, you're  
3 put in a difficult place, but I'm struggling with the  
4 practical reality of how we go forward when you have claims  
5 that nobody knows what they may or may not be.

6 MR. ROVIRA: I understand the need for finality and  
7 the conundrum, but there should be a middle ground of finding  
8 a process of a year end, a year end audit if we're able to,  
9 to come up with at that moment a good faith estimate. The  
10 Debtors can object to that or just providing that any, if the  
11 agreement is assumed the latent or defaults, which may not  
12 ever, I'm not asking to make something hypothetical, based on  
13 a hypothetical, those would be treated as admin expense  
14 claims and not estopped. And the concern that the Debtor  
15 raised, I'm sorry that counsel for Berkadia was with respect  
16 to services advances, my concern is where the servicer  
17 Capmark was maybe misallocated certain funds that needed to  
18 go to a certain escrow account or the reserve account and now  
19 that claim comes back to me because the borrower now realizes  
20 on its account statement that something occurred, I'm not  
21 able to, our clients not able to figure that out right now  
22 and it may take certain time to figure that out. So just a  
23 reasonable way to get to the middle of a process for that, we  
24 believe would be an escrow or that they are granted admin  
25 expense priority without, you know, because it would be

1 treated as if the cure did occur, as if the breach occurred  
2 at that moment in time. Thank you, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: You're welcome. Mr. Huston.

4 MR. ROVIRA: I'm sorry, Your Honor, one other thing.

5 THE COURT: Oh sure, of course.

6 MR. ROVIRA: If there's the other concern we had was  
7 with the exacts the contracts would be assumed and assigned.  
8 We have requested for some of the schedules that were  
9 attached if there's any amendments that were made to any of  
10 the servicing - -

11 THE COURT: Well I think the, I think the testimony  
12 was if there's a mistake they'll fix it.

13 MR. ROVIRA: Okay thank you, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Huston.

15 MR. HUSTON: Good afternoon, Your Honor, may I  
16 please the Court Joseph Huston at Stevens & Lee on behalf of  
17 Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas. I don't want to re-  
18 plow ground that's been plowed before. I think Mr. Harbour  
19 pretty much got it spot on. And I just apropos my last  
20 colleague's comments, it would be very helpful if Debtors  
21 would identify which agreements and which defaults they  
22 thought existed. And this is not, I don't think it's with  
23 good grace that we raise the objection that said you didn't  
24 tell us what the defaults were and they say not my problem  
25 it's your burden. In their notice, notice of auction and

1 sale hearing which is docket #148, this, this in paragraph 2  
2 it says, the Debtors believe any and all defaults under the  
3 assumed contracts and leases can be cured by the payment of  
4 the cure amounts listed on Exhibit A. So they think that  
5 there is a default, otherwise, we would not have been on that  
6 list.

7 THE COURT: No, no, no, no. That is completely  
8 unfair.

9 MR. HUSTON: Well otherwise why would they have  
10 listed a cure amount. I mean a cure amount has to be listed  
11 - -

12 THE COURT: A cure amount of zero?

13 MR. HUSTON: It has to be, but it has to be to cure  
14 default otherwise there's no default.

15 THE COURT: So that you, come on you know, Mr.  
16 Huston, you've been practicing longer than I. You know that  
17 every Debtor does that to make sure that every contract is  
18 covered. And that it's subject to in effect the statute of  
19 limitations or a bar date on asserting a default at a later  
20 date.

21 MR. HUSTON: Well we have, we have a non-objecting  
22 party who specifically has said that the Debtors have not  
23 meaningfully identified any defaults and it'd be real easy  
24 for them to say Deutsche Bank no defaults. We don't believe  
25

1 there's any default in your contract in which event we would  
2 then, we would then simply - -

3 THE COURT: Haven't they said that by putting it at  
4 zero? I mean they have an obligation under the rules to make  
5 these statements in good faith. And if they think its zero  
6 haven't they said we think it's zero. If there is a default,  
7 which we're not acknowledging, it will be zero. Isn't that  
8 what the whole point of that exhibit is?

9 MR. HUSTON: I disagree, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. HUSTON: Respectfully. Second, with respect to  
12 this issue about the incoit defaults that you raised, I think  
13 you're absolutely right. If you have, if you have something  
14 that might with the passage of time become a default then I  
15 don't think it is subject to cure. The contract can be  
16 assumed and assigned. But with 365(b)(1) says if there has  
17 been a default and the concern here is if there are defaults  
18 that have occurred but we don't know about them yet.

19 THE COURT: I understand. I understand.

20 MR. HUSTON: Finally in, I believe you asked for an  
21 example and I believe in the *DVI* financial case which was a,  
22 was a real, was a mess. It was a series. It was two  
23 different lines of business and there were, and there were  
24 servicing agreements that were assigned. And then there were  
25 actual direct loans which were made by the other ARM. We

1 represented an Ad Hoc group of noteholders and servicers and,  
2 if my memory serves me correctly, there was a short process  
3 by which if you were able to identify cure costs those were  
4 set aside subject to having notice in the hearing to see who  
5 could prove them up and actually be entitled to them.

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. HUSTON: But I'm not aware of any other case.

8 THE COURT: Okay, thank you. Ms. Harris. Good  
9 afternoon.

10 MS. HARRIS: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Donna  
11 Harris on behalf of GMAC. I thought it might be a good time  
12 since we did file an objection with respect to a zero cure in  
13 the servicing agreements to let Your Honor know that the  
14 business people did actually resolve those issues. And just  
15 prior to the hearing, we did file a formal withdrawal of our  
16 objections so we won't be going forward on our objection to  
17 this issue.

18 THE COURT: Thank you, anyone else? Mr. Kessler, a  
19 reply, to a - -

20 MR. KESSLER: Briefly, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: - - a long list of arguments.

22 MR. KESSLER: Briefly. First, let me make clear on  
23 the record that where we sent out notices of assumption and  
24 intent to assign contracts and put the default amount as  
25 zero, that means we do not believe that there is any default

1 that is in need of cure. If we did not, if we thought there  
2 was a default and didn't know the number, I believe we would  
3 have put unknown not zero.

4 Second, to a large extent this is a red herring  
5 because none of these parties here today have indicated that  
6 they have, before they received the notice been in contact  
7 with the Debtor of the Debtors' failure to remit the ordinary  
8 remittance reports that come to them from the servicer on a  
9 regular basis where the servicer reports on the monies that  
10 were received and how the monies were dispersed and the  
11 advances that were made and so forth. They have information.  
12 None of them came back to the Debtor and said, or to this  
13 Court, and said we believe there is a specific default,  
14 except for this relatively small amounts that we heard, a few  
15 million dollars, three hundred thousand. None of them have  
16 come back and said we believe there has been a default and  
17 this is it. This is the default. We just don't know what  
18 the amount is. They have just asked the Court to recognize  
19 that they, they have, they have rights to go forward and get  
20 some form of an escrow and administrative expense if it comes  
21 to their attention at a later date. Now if I understand  
22 correctly what they're asking for, they're asking for two  
23 forms of relief. Put \$50 million dollars of the sale  
24 proceeds in escrow against which they can get cures of any  
25 defaults that they may identify over the next one year

1 period. And second, to the extent the \$50 million dollars is  
2 not sufficient, give us an administrative expense for the  
3 excess. Well that would be such an egregious burden on this  
4 Debtor that we wouldn't, I believe, know whether to even go  
5 forward and assume and assign their contract. We might even  
6 prefer to reject them under those circumstances because we  
7 have no idea what it would cost us or the estate on a going  
8 forward basis to, to meet that obligation and that remedy.  
9 So I think that they have at least some burden to come  
10 forward and identify what the default is, give us an  
11 opportunity to look into it and see whether the amount is  
12 reflective of something that's worthwhile assuming and giving  
13 them the right to an administrative expense or even  
14 rejecting. The way they've done it we're on the horns of a  
15 dilemma because there is on limit as far as they're concerned  
16 to our obligation. They may take the entire sales proceeds  
17 for all we know.

18 THE COURT: Right.

19 MR. KESSLER: So as I said, it is a red herring.  
20 None of them have said we have tried to terminate this  
21 agreement because of your bad behavior. We know that there  
22 are defaults. We just don't know what the amount is or  
23 anything of that sort. It's just an effort to protect  
24 themselves because they got a one time opportunity from a  
25 Chapter 11 Debtor who says we're going to assume your

1 contract for them. To say I have an opportunity for  
2 Deutsche, I'm going to try to freeze everything you get so  
3 that we can try to collect every penny that we may be  
4 entitled to under any legal theory going forward. That's  
5 just not the law, Your Honor. And I'm not aware of any case  
6 in which that has been, that type of remedy has been offered.

7 THE COURT: Okay.

8 MR. BENEDICT: Your Honor, this is Mark Benedict on  
9 behalf of GE Capital. May I briefly respond to Mr. Kessler?

10 THE COURT: No.

11 MR. BENEDICT: Okay.

12 MR. MAYER: Your Honor, Tom Mayer for Kramer Levin  
13 the Creditors Committee. I need 30 seconds to confer with  
14 Debtors' counsel. May I take 30 seconds?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 MR. MAYER: Thank you, Your Honor, the Debtors will  
17 deal with my issue when they see fit. I'm sorry to take the  
18 time.

19 THE COURT: No problem. All right, I'm going to  
20 overrule these objections based on the idea that there are  
21 claims for defaults that may arise under the servicing  
22 agreements that have not yet been identified for whatever  
23 reason. I find that 365(b) requires, of course, that if  
24 there has been a default it be cured but it actually says,  
25 "if there has been a default in an executory contract, the

1 trustee may not assume such contract or lease unless at the  
2 time of assumption such contract or lease the trustee cures  
3 that default." There has to be a stop date. There has to be  
4 a stop the music date on issues of cure in connection with  
5 the assumption and assignment of leases and administrative  
6 expense claims. Otherwise, you simply couldn't do it. And  
7 the code clearly provides that you can. And, indeed, I take  
8 issue with some of the tone, and I don't mean that  
9 pejoratively, but some of the underlying rationale that  
10 somehow the Debtors don't get special rights in connection  
11 with 365, of course they do. That's the whole point. The  
12 Debtor can pick executory contracts and leases where it would  
13 be advantageous for them to assume or assign them, and it can  
14 reject and cure, if you will, its bad business judgment with  
15 contracts and leases that it doesn't make sense to go forward  
16 with. It's a fundamental piece of the Bankruptcy Code.  
17 There are other provisions that make it clear that assumption  
18 and assignment of executory contracts is to be cured, is to  
19 be encouraged, for instance, anti-assignment clauses; *ip so*  
20 *facto* clauses. These are unenforceable defaults. I agree  
21 with Mr. Kessler if we had, if people had the ability to  
22 assert the Debtor defaulted by failing to do "x" prior to  
23 this motion or to the sale date but I don't know what the  
24 damages are yet that's a completely different issue from the  
25 Debtor may have defaulted under the loan at some time. I

1 don't know what that is. I don't know if it has occurred,  
2 and I don't know what damages would even arise if it had  
3 occurred, and if I find out about it that somehow they have  
4 to cure that. That is simply too vague, too inchoate for the  
5 Court to give it any credence in connection with the  
6 assumption and assignment of the executory contract and  
7 unexpired leases. It is certainly true that in virtually  
8 everyone of these cases I deal with and dealt with previously  
9 before I took the Bench, that the cure issues don't get  
10 decided at the sale hearing. There is an agreement. There's  
11 a bid. There's an ask. And the monies made sure that it's  
12 there and it's dealt with at a later date. That's what's  
13 provided here. But it also provides that if you assert a  
14 cure amount prior to assuming, assumption and assignment,  
15 that's it. No more cure amount. No more admin claim. I  
16 think that's appropriate. I think that's appropriate. So  
17 I'm going to overrule those objections on that basis.

18 Mr. Kessler, anything further? Let's take a break  
19 actually. We've been going for about two and a half hours.  
20 I'll take a short recess.

21 MR. KESSLER: Thank you.

22 (recess 3:15 to 3:32)

23 THE CLERK: All rise.

24 THE COURT: All right, break it up. Please be  
25 seated. I think we've probably dealt with the bulk at this

1 point of the objections - -

2 MR. KESSLER: Yes, Your Honor, during the break we  
3 tried to go through the chart and figure out which ones have  
4 now been addressed by Your Honor's rulings. And so, Your  
5 Honor, I got off script because some of the people got ahead  
6 of us in terms of arguing their objections and doing the  
7 testimony earlier. And so if I can, I'd like to go back and  
8 mention something that I should have mentioned earlier and be  
9 fully candid with the Court as I always am. After the  
10 mailing deadline, the Debtors updated the cure schedule after  
11 learning of some contracts that were inadvertently left off  
12 of the original schedule. And we had left off two leases  
13 approximately 340 subservicing agreements which seems like an  
14 awful lot amount, awful large number but it actually is not  
15 in relation to the total number in this case. And, three,  
16 pipeline transactions: these are transactions in which the  
17 Debtor did not originally have an obligation because they  
18 were just loans in process. But once they became originated  
19 loans they would be actual contracts that we would like to  
20 assume and assign. We sent out through Epic on November 13<sup>th</sup>  
21 a late notice to assume and assign those contracts, the  
22 contracts I've mentioned. And I'm sorry, we sent that out on  
23 November 20<sup>th</sup>. And in order to provide each of those parties  
24 with the same period of time to object, we have extended the  
25 notice period for those parties to December, to the December

1 10<sup>th</sup> hearing. So we may hear at December 10<sup>th</sup> some additional  
2 objections that are related just to those late notice  
3 contracts.

4 THE COURT: All right. Okay.

5 MR. KESSLER: And I'm hopeful that we'll clear out  
6 today all of the objections for all contracts other than  
7 those late notices. So before the break and before we jumped  
8 ahead of ourselves, I think we were at number 7 the Wells  
9 Fargo objection which I believe by Your Honor's ruling has  
10 been overruled. I think the U.S. Bank objection number 8  
11 falls in the same category.

12 THE COURT: I agree.

13 MR. KESSLER: I think we're now down to number 9 the  
14 GMA LLC objection. This was a limited objection where we've  
15 now been informed that this objection's been, says been  
16 withdrawn, excuse me. And I believe that their counsel  
17 announced that right at the end.

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MR. KESSLER: Number 10 falls within Your Honor's  
20 ruling on cure amounts so that one should have been disposed  
21 with. Similarly, number 11 which is the Genworth North  
22 American one.

23 THE COURT: East, 12 East Bank that's a bit  
24 different.

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1 MR. KESSLER: Yes. In this one they were asking for  
2 some assurance as to whether their loan was being transferred  
3 or just the servicing of their loan. And we have resolved  
4 that we would make a statement on the record to confirm that  
5 the transfer to Berkadia will not change ownership of the  
6 loan. It is just the servicing of the loan that will be  
7 transferred and; therefore, the request to assume and assign  
8 servicing related to their contract does not address the  
9 issues that concern them.

10 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Simon?

11 MR. KESSLER: I'm sorry?

12 THE COURT: Mr. Simon.

13 MR. KESSLER: Oh, I'm sorry.

14 MR. SIMON: Thank you, Your Honor, Chris Simon on  
15 behalf of East Bank. With me in the Courtroom is Paul  
16 Wolfson of Wilmer Hale and the Debtors' counsel  
17 representations are accurate and that does resolve our  
18 objection.

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 MR. SIMON: And I appreciate the Court's time.

21 THE COURT: You bet. Thank you.

22 MR. WOLFSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: You're welcome.

24 MR. KESSLER: Number 13 the Freddie Mac objection  
25 has been withdrawn subject to the sale going to Berkadia.

1 Number 14 the Bank of America objection, I believe, is  
2 overruled per Your Honor's rulings prior to the break. Same  
3 with number 15 Wells Fargo and Wachovia Bank. Number 16 the  
4 R.R. Donnelley global real estate servicer. They claim that  
5 there are some invoices for prepetition services totaling  
6 \$219,909.00 that are outstanding and; therefore, are in  
7 default. We will, we will escrow that amount. The amount  
8 claimed is under review and if we can reach agreement, we  
9 will.

10 THE COURT: Okay.

11 MR. KESSLER: If not, we'll be back before Your  
12 Honor. Number 17 Deutsche Bank's objection, I believe, is  
13 overruled.

14 THE COURT: Sorry, Ms. Miller.

15 MR. KESSLER: Oh I'm sorry.

16 MS. MILLER: Sorry.

17 MR. KESSLER: Someone has to bang me.

18 MS. MILLER: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Kathy  
19 Miller on behalf of R.R. Donnelley. We did submit a cure  
20 objection for the approximately \$219,000.00 on a prepetition  
21 claim. The Debtor, I'm sorry, R.R. Donnelley has been  
22 providing services to the Debtor post petition. And they had  
23 been submitting invoices and there's a process where we  
24 submit invoices. We review them and they keep in contact  
25 with us about when we expect payment on that. So there is

1 another period opine for which is not governed or covered by  
2 the \$219 that we want to get confirmation that they will  
3 continue to be processed in the ordinary course. It looks  
4 like, if I have my numbers right, about another \$80,000.00  
5 for the post petition. And as Mr. Kessler just said that  
6 they believe that the, it will be a couple more weeks before  
7 we close. So there may be another little bit of a gap  
8 period. So I just want to make sure that we're covered.

9 THE COURT: All right, Mr. Kessler, I assume that's  
10 all right?

11 MR. KESSLER: Yes, sir.

12 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you, Ms. Miller.

13 MR. KESSLER: If I can go back for a moment to Bank  
14 of America number 14.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. KESSLER: There is an amount that, they did  
17 declare one amount in dispute of \$3.8 million dollars. And  
18 so - -

19 THE COURT: That's the, that's the \$130,000.00 a  
20 month that wasn't paid? Mr. Harbour's nodding yes. Okay.

21 MR. KESSLER: Okay.

22 MR. JONES: Your Honor, this is Bob Jones, good  
23 afternoon from Patton Boggs, and I represent the certificate  
24 holders on that particular [indiscernible] and servicing  
25 agreement. And this is a, was a mistake made by Capmark with

1 regard to one of the underlying loans. It was, it was  
2 entered incorrectly and led to a failure to fund a required  
3 rollover account for a period of about two and a half years.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 MR. KESSLER: We will escrow that amount, Your  
6 Honor. The remainder of that objection should be overruled.

7 THE COURT: Okay, I agree.

8 MR. KESSLER: Number 17 Deutsche Bank I think falls  
9 under the earlier rulings and should be overruled. There is  
10 number 18 ACAS, CRECDO 2007-1 limited.

11 THE COURT: That's the same issue, isn't it?

12 MR. KESSLER: Yes - -

13 MR. JONES: Yes, that's our, those are my clients,  
14 Your Honor. This is Bob Jones.

15 THE COURT: All right so only \$3.8 million will get  
16 escrowed not \$7.6.

17 MR. KESSLER: Correct. It's the same objection by  
18 two related parties.

19 THE COURT: Got it.

20 MR. KESSLER: So number 19 is a reservation of  
21 rights filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured  
22 Creditors. I don't believe that that reservation of rights  
23 has any applicability any longer, but I - -

24 THE COURT: I think they're on board. I think they  
25 said that.

1 MR. KESSLER: Yup.

2 THE COURT: They're all on their Blackberries so  
3 we'll just assume that that's correct.

4 MR. KESSLER: Number 20 the Inverness Properties LLC  
5 as landlord under two lease agreements, objection says they  
6 have an \$8,897.00 cure amount outstanding. This was, this  
7 represents a check that was sent to them prepetition but was  
8 not cashed prior to the filing. So we will get with them and  
9 resolve that amount.

10 THE COURT: All right I see two notes here \$8800 and  
11 about \$10,000.00.

12 MR. KESSLER: And there's another \$10,553.00 amount  
13 and, there again, we will escrow those amounts and either  
14 reach agreement or be back before Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 MR. KESSLER: The General Electric - -

17 THE COURT: Mr. Harbour.

18 MR. KESSLER: Sorry.

19 MR. HARBOUR: For the record again, Jason Harbour,  
20 Your Honor. And just a point of clarification, our objection  
21 was overruled with respect to the unknown breach issue, but  
22 we also, like most of the Trustees, raised expense claim  
23 concerns and cure claims. My understanding was that that  
24 part of the objection we would be providing like the other  
25 Trustees estimates to the Debtors. Those amounts would be

1 cured and they would be either agreed upon or brought before  
2 Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right.

4 MR. KESSLER: I thought that we, that Your Honor's  
5 ruling was that they would have to submit some kind of an  
6 invoice amount.

7 THE COURT: Absolutely, prior to closing.

8 MR. KESSLER: Yeah okay.

9 THE COURT: With back up.

10 MR. KESSLER: I think we're down to number 21  
11 General Electric Capital Corporation which I believe is  
12 overruled by Your Honor's earlier rulings.

13 MR. BENEDICT: If it please the Court, Your Honor,  
14 Mark Benedict with GE Capital.

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 MR. BENEDICT: We had raised two issues. The first  
17 issue was the cure issue which has been overruled though and  
18 so I won't go into that. The other that we identified is, I  
19 think Your Honor has also made statements that largely  
20 resolve that. There's an extrinsic event that's occurred  
21 under our servicing agreements that gave rise to a  
22 termination event, not a default by the Debtor. And so our  
23 position is that if Berkadia takes it, it takes it subject to  
24 those rights whatever they are including our right to

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1 terminate even if Berkadia takes it, even if it wasn't a  
2 default by the Debtor to cure.

3 THE COURT: That's the default by the filing of the  
4 GM case?

5 MR. BENEDICT: Yes, Your Honor.

6 MR. KESSLER: And they have a motion to lift stay  
7 and we will address that issue at the lift stay hearing. But  
8 I don't believe that it stands in the way of the Berkadia  
9 sale whichever way Your Honor rules.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 MR. KESSLER: It may end up in an adjustment but  
12 not; it won't stand in the way of the sale.

13 MR. BENEDICT: Yeah we don't believe it stands in  
14 the way of the sale nor do we believe that it stands in the  
15 way of the assumption of the contract. We're just putting  
16 people on notice. We believe that right out there exists.

17 THE COURT: Well if you have the right to terminate,  
18 you have a right to terminate.

19 MR. BENEDICT: Thank you.

20 THE COURT: You're welcome.

21 MR. KESSLER: I'm advised, Your Honor, that the  
22 Inverness Properties \$18,000.00 amount, it's actually closer  
23 to \$19,000.00; that we agree to those amounts and so they  
24 were beyond the point of putting it in escrow and discussing  
25 it.

1 THE COURT: So you're going to pay it?

2 MR. KESSLER: Pay that cure amount.

3 THE COURT: I think counsels on the phone, is that  
4 all right? No?

5 MR. KESSLER: If he objects, I'll consent to the  
6 objection.

7 THE COURT: All right. I'll take care of; I think  
8 that's it, right? Oh, excuse me.

9 MR. KESSLER: Number 23 - -

10 THE COURT: Mr. Kessler, sorry.

11 MS. MCCONNELL: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Lauren  
12 McConnell on behalf of Inverness Properties. Mr. Kessler is  
13 correct. The exact amounts of the cure objection was  
14 \$19,431.54. And an agreement was reached shortly before the  
15 hearing that that amount would be agreed to by the Debtors  
16 would be paid.

17 THE COURT: Okay.

18 MS. MCCONNELL: Thank you.

19 THE COURT: You're welcome. I think that's it for  
20 the objections.

21 MR. KESSLER: There's one more, Your Honor, U.S.  
22 Bankcorp Community Development Corporation and U.S. Bankcorp  
23 Community Investment Corporation, number 22. And this was a  
24 late filed objection but, nonetheless, these agreements that  
25 are addressed in that objection were inadvertently included

1 in the, on the cure schedule but are excluded assets in the  
2 contract and will not be assumed and assigned.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. KESSLER: And we've agreed with counsel that we  
5 would make that statement on the record.

6 THE COURT: Okay.

7 MR. KESSLER: And so that should deal with the cure  
8 schedule. I understand Mr. McMahon has an issue with respect  
9 to the order that he wants to address.

10 THE COURT: All right, subject to, oh I'm sorry. Is  
11 this an issue with the order language?

12 MR. MCMAHON: Well I'd call it general sale issue if  
13 you want to, Your Honor, wants to address the cure as first  
14 then I'll just sit down.

15 THE COURT: No, no because I'm going to approve the  
16 sale subject to the order assuming I don't sustain your  
17 objection.

18 MR. MCMAHON: Understood, Your Honor. Well Joseph  
19 McMahon for the United States Trustee. Your Honor, prior to  
20 today we raised informally with the Debtors whom I understand  
21 they raised with the purchaser the following issue. A part  
22 of the deal here involves say the upstreaming of assets from  
23 Capmark Bank certain loans and advances, and they're being  
24 transferred to the Debtor. Then they're skipping through as  
25 part of the sale an issue we raised into whether or not

1 they're a free and clear sale with respect to that, those  
2 assets, what it means and the context of its construct.  
3 Capmark Bank is a non-debtor. We're all familiar with the  
4 law with respect to free and clear sales. I mean obviously  
5 you wouldn't be able to do that with respect to non-debtor  
6 assets. But given the fact that the only sensible reason  
7 that we could, I guess, come up with for doing it this way  
8 would be to try to somehow use the powers of 363 to bring the  
9 bear upon this aspect of the transaction. It's an issue for  
10 us since so far as what exactly is going on here on a  
11 mechanical level. Certainly, given that we're dealing with  
12 non-debtor assets, I think we need some clarification from  
13 the Debtors as to what the status of claims vis-a-vie those  
14 non-debtor assets are post this transaction.

15 THE COURT: Okay.

16 MR. KESSLER: A couple of points, Your Honor, first  
17 the contract for purchase is for purchase of these assets  
18 from the Debtors. Capmark Bank is not a contracting party  
19 with Berkadia. And this contract entered into prepetition  
20 provides that CFI, Capmark Financing, and the other sellers  
21 are obligated to sell the servicing advances and loan  
22 originations that currently reside in Capmark Bank. They  
23 were conveyed there as a capital contribution sometime ago.  
24 We'll come back to CFI so that they can be sold to Berkadia  
25 pursuant to the contract. I'm advised by counsel at Capmark

1 that Capmark, CFI, always retained a repurchase right against  
2 the servicing advances and loan originations that they could  
3 always bring them back for cash if there was a desire or need  
4 to do so.

5           Lastly, these are unencumbered assets as we, as we  
6 presented in the motion and have argued that there is no  
7 known lien or encumbrance against any of the assets being  
8 sold to Berkadia that could give rise to any significant  
9 issue under 363(f). And so we don't see why we should not be  
10 able to give the full 363(f) protections to Berkadia as we  
11 are contractually committed to do under the APA agreement,  
12 notwithstanding that some of the assets we're selling are  
13 going to come back into the Debtors for a short period of  
14 time in order to close the transaction as it was documented.  
15 And I believe that Mr. Califano on behalf of Berkadia would  
16 like to also address the Court on this issue.

17           THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Califano.

18           MR. CALIFANO: Yes, Your Honor, thank you, Your  
19 Honor. Your Honor, we're purchasing the assets, excuse me,  
20 we're purchasing the assets from the Debtor. We have  
21 bargained for a free and clear finding from this Court and to  
22 purchase these assets free and clear. The transactions by  
23 which the Debtor may take these assets into the estate  
24 between affiliated Debtors should not be our concern. This  
25 contract, this sale has been noticed to the world and the

1 structure has been noticed to the world. And the only issue  
2 we're getting is from the Office of the United States  
3 Trustee. If there is something wrong, which I'm not  
4 implying, if there is something that it was created by the  
5 way these assets were brought back into the estate, it should  
6 not be our issue. We're buying from a Debtor. We should buy  
7 free and clear.

8 THE COURT: Mr. Kessler, is the bank represented by  
9 independent counsel?

10 MR. KESSLER: They are represented by independent  
11 counsel. Well they're not represented by my law firm, put it  
12 that way, and I do not believe that they are here today.

13 THE COURT: All right. And they obviously had  
14 notice of the fact that \$500 grand was going out the door?  
15 It's about \$500,000.00, is that right?

16 MR. KESSLER: \$500 million.

17 THE COURT: \$500 million uh oh.

18 MR. KESSLER: They're not selling for \$500,000.00 -  
19 -

20 THE COURT: I'm not thinking, you know, I'm not  
21 thinking big enough numbers. Mr. McMahon, any response?

22 MR. KESSLER: Mr. [indiscernible] makes the point  
23 that all assets reside at someplace at some point in time.  
24 We're always talking about timing here.

25 THE COURT: Well, you know, there could be a concern

1 that well, that it's [indiscernible] conveyance or breach of  
2 fiduciary duty or something in connection with the bank. I'm  
3 not saying there is, but, Mr. McMahon.

4 MR. MCMAHON: One reply with respect to the re-  
5 purchase right. A point of inquiry to the Debtors is whether  
6 all the funds on account of these assets are immediately  
7 being down streamed to the bank.

8 THE COURT: Well they're being upstreamed and then -  
9 -

10 MR. MCMAHON: Well I know, but the proceeds I guess  
11 what's - -

12 THE COURT: I assume the proceeds aren't going to  
13 the bank?

14 MR. KESSLER: Yes, Your Honor, the bank is getting  
15 the proceeds for its assets.

16 THE COURT: Oh I see, okay.

17 MR. MCMAHON: And the second point, Your Honor, is  
18 well I don't think that the free and clear protection this  
19 Court could extend could in any way apply to claims vis-a-vie  
20 the bank anyway. So the extent that the sale order could be  
21 clarified to make that clear I think I might - -

22 THE COURT: Well I don't think that's necessary. It  
23 is what it is. Look, I couldn't give a free and clear  
24 finding or order in connection with a non-debtor. I just  
25 couldn't do it. So if there's some sort of conversion claim

1 that would ultimately allow the bank to go against whoever  
2 has their assets, well no but that would be -- never mind  
3 that would be scrubbed by this order, I assume.

4 MR. KESSLER: The issue is whether a party can go  
5 against Berkadia for a matter that --

6 THE COURT: It's really internal.

7 MR. KESSLER: That is internal or relates to a  
8 creditor --

9 THE COURT: Yeah, no I'm comfortable with that. I'm  
10 not bothered by that. I'll approve it like that.

11 MR. KESSLER: Okay. So, Your Honor, I think we're  
12 now at the end of the motion, at least as far as dealing with  
13 the evidence and the objections. And if I can, I'll give a  
14 summation argument as to why we believe that the Court should  
15 approve to Berkadia including the assumptions signed by  
16 contracts and the protections of the order that give, that  
17 are given to Berkadia.

18 THE COURT: Well let me, I think Committee counsel  
19 looked like he wanted to be heard.

20 MR MAYER: Your Honor, I decided the clarification I  
21 wanted to make is not necessary.

22 THE COURT: Right. I don't need a summation. I  
23 think it's clear based on the evidence before the Court that  
24 the standards under 363 and 365 in connection with the sale  
25 of these assets including the assumption and assignment of

1 unexpired leases and executory contracts are clearly met;  
2 that the buyer has provided adequate assurance of future  
3 performance; that defaults will be cured pursuant to the  
4 procedures set forth. The Debtor is going to appropriately  
5 escrow the full amount of liquidated cure claims for  
6 disposition at a later date. The buyer as I said earlier,  
7 the buyers clearly acted in good faith and at arm's length.  
8 So I also think this a terrific result from a, just a  
9 substantive standpoint. Employees are going to keep their  
10 job. The business is going to stay in place and the assets  
11 will continue to be serviced and the mortgages will continue  
12 to be serviced. So subject to actually looking at the order,  
13 I will approve this sale.

14 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor. And I am ready  
15 to hand up the order. There were no objections to the  
16 language other than the one raised by Mr. McMahon. I do have  
17 a black line that shows changes that were made from the form  
18 that was attached to the original motion.

19 THE COURT: Okay.

20 MR. KESSLER: And I've put a yellow tab on one page  
21 that requires a date be inserted.

22 THE COURT: All right.

23 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor, may I approach?

24 THE COURT: Yes. Thank you. Just let me look  
25 through the black line real quick.

1 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, it's been brought to my  
2 attention that there's language in the order that says cure  
3 amounts have been approved to the amounts stated on the  
4 record, and I would consent and concede here on the record  
5 that to the extent otherwise clarified or determined during  
6 the hearing today.

7 THE COURT: Very good. What date do we need?

8 MR. KESSLER: It's today's date; date of entry of  
9 the order.

10 THE COURT: It's already in there. It's in there  
11 where you tabbed it.

12 MR. KESSLER: It is?

13 THE COURT: Looked like it; second line?

14 MR. KESSLER: It has the word date on the first  
15 line.

16 THE COURT: Oh, oh.

17 MR. KESSLER: It's their - -

18 THE COURT: I, I didn't see it. I apologize. All  
19 right, I am signing the order. All right, what's next?

20 MR. CALIFANO: Your Honor, may I be excused?

21 THE COURT: Yes, you may.

22 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, if I may proceed?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MR. KESSLER: The next item on the agenda, the next  
25 item I'd like to address is item 8 on your agenda and that's

1 the final hearing on the wages and benefits motion. This is  
2 a matter of paramount importance to the Debtors and the  
3 continued vitality of their business operations. On the  
4 commencement date, the Debtors filed a wages motion. And  
5 following the first day hearing, the Court entered an interim  
6 order authorizing the Debtors to pay up to \$6.9 million  
7 dollars in employee obligations subject to the statutory  
8 \$10,950.00 priority cap. In the order, the interim order the  
9 Court also authorized the Debtor to continue to honor their  
10 existing employee obligations that existed as of the  
11 commencement date. But the now, we now seek continuation of  
12 these employee obligations on a permanent and final basis and  
13 ask that the Court grant such relief. There has been no  
14 objection to that part of the motion which is - -

15 THE COURT: Issues is the commissions, right?

16 MR. KESSLER: We're coming separately to those  
17 matters. We're also asking the Court to consider approval of  
18 certain prepetition payments that were carved out of the  
19 interim order and are under the Debtors various employment  
20 plans. Specifically, the Debtors reserved in the wages  
21 motion the right to seek approval of continued payments under  
22 their prepetition employee compensation plans. These include  
23 the prepetition commission plan, the 2008 and 2009 bonus  
24 plans, and the deferred awards program and severance plan.  
25 And if I can, I'd like to discuss each of these separately.

1           It's out feeling that the continuation of these  
2 plans is an absolute integral and necessary part of the  
3 ongoing stability of the company. We filed a supplemental  
4 brief last Friday on November 20<sup>th</sup> to explain why we believe  
5 the Doctrine of Necessity should in this instance allow the  
6 prepayment or, excuse me, the payment of the prepetition  
7 amounts that will come due under these plans during the  
8 course of these cases and is discussed at length in our  
9 supplemental brief. The Debtors believe that the approval of  
10 these plans is necessary and essential to maintain the  
11 stability of the company going forward. Now I can personally  
12 attest to the fact that the thread of employees leaving the  
13 company and leaving the company in dire straits is real. I  
14 was contacted by an attorney representing a large number of  
15 employees and I believe now larger than he represented at the  
16 time. And he stated to me that on behalf of his Ad Hoc group  
17 of employees that if we don't get them relief under their  
18 compensation plans - -

19           UNIDENTIFIED: Objection.

20           MR. KESSLER: - - that they're threatening to walk  
21 out the door.

22           THE COURT: Yeah this is hearsay. And - -

23           MR. KESSLER: I'll be glad to testify to it if its,  
24 if necessary. Your Honor - -

25           THE COURT: It would still be hearsay.

1 MR. KESSLER: Well maybe he's here.

2 THE COURT: Maybe he is. But, I understand, the  
3 Debtor has a belief that it will lose people, right?

4 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor - -

5 THE COURT: The Debtor has a belief that it will  
6 lose people, correct?

7 MR. KESSLER: Correct.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 MR. KESSLER: I've also prepared to offer Mr. Jay  
10 Levine as the chief executive officer of the company to  
11 provide testimony on the, on this issue. And after my  
12 presentation, if I can, I'd like to put him on.

13 Your Honor, on pages 4 through 6 of our brief, we  
14 discuss and argue the necessity of the payment doctrine and  
15 why we believe that it applies here. I don't want to repeat  
16 everything that is in our brief. But suffice it to say that  
17 if the necessity of payment doctrine lives, and we know that  
18 it lives especially in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Circuit and in this Court, to  
19 pay critical vendors who are threatening to not supply a  
20 debtor with supplies unless their prepetition claims have  
21 been paid. To pay prepetition insurance payments, to pay  
22 other types of prepetition claims where a showing is made  
23 that the actual cost to the estate of paying these  
24 prepetition claims out of place will actually, of not paying  
25 the claims I should say, will actually be much more severe

1 and much greater harm to the estate than would result from  
2 paying the prepetition claims. The necessity of payment  
3 doctrine would allow for the payment of those claims. And we  
4 would submit that if that doctrine, that under that doctrine  
5 who could be more significant and important for payment under  
6 the necessity of payment doctrine then the employees who are  
7 the first line of defense. The first and foremost group that  
8 needs to be protected against in a, as a necessity for  
9 protecting the estate where those employees are actually and  
10 in real terms threatening to leave; threatening to leave the  
11 company in a way that would severely harm the company in  
12 amounts much, much in excess of what it would cost to pay  
13 them. There's no reason to pay critical vendors. There's no  
14 reason to pay any other prepetition claims if the employees  
15 are going to walk out. There's no one in the store to sell  
16 the goods that the critical vendors would supply. There's no  
17 asset. The asset values would diminish dramatically where we  
18 would question making payment for other claims if the  
19 employees are going to walk out on you. So it's our argument  
20 that the necessity of payment doctrine must apply equally or,  
21 even more so, the employee prepetition claim then it does to  
22 any other group of prepetition claims that the Court's  
23 frequently allow to be paid.

24 Now why is it so necessary in this case to pay these  
25 employees. First, the Court has now entered an order

1 authorizing the sale of the servicing business to Berkadia.  
2 Under our contract, Berkadia is going to take the employees  
3 along with the business. We can't deliver the business  
4 without the employees. The employees run this business.  
5 These are not assets that have value on a stand alone basis.  
6 And if the employees are not paid and threaten to walk off  
7 the job, we are in a situation where it may be very difficult  
8 to us to realize full value from our contract the amounts  
9 many, many, many millions of dollars far in excess of what  
10 we're proposing to pay these employees. Second, I'm going  
11 to, as I get into the numbers, hand up to Your Honor a chart  
12 where we have put in place the amounts that we are asking to  
13 pay under each of these plans to the employees and the  
14 amounts that we have estimated will be assumed by Berkadia  
15 when these employees go over to Berkadia. And this is  
16 because we would, assuming the sale closes with Berkadia, we  
17 would only be paying these prepetition claims in the ordinary  
18 course of business up through the time of the sale. And  
19 Berkadia would pick up and pay all of the claims that come  
20 due under those employee compensation programs on a going  
21 forward basis. Now it is true that the contract has an  
22 adjustment to the purchase price for the costs of these  
23 claims that Berkadia will assume. And so they get a purchase  
24 price reduction of 57% of the cost, but they're going to pay  
25 the claims from and after the closing. So the cost to the

1 Debtor assuming the closing is far less than the actual total  
2 cost to the plan if there is no closing.

3 Now prior to today's hearing, we had extensive  
4 discussion with the Creditors Committee and its advisors  
5 about these plans in an effort to reach agreement, in an  
6 effort to reach agreement on or support, I should say, from  
7 the Committee to go forward. And I'm pleased to say that  
8 with the adjustments that I will bring to the Court's  
9 attention, the Committee has given its full support for these  
10 plans and for the payment of the plans in the order that I  
11 will, that I will describe to the Court as we go through it.

12 May I hand up a chart so it makes it easier for Your  
13 Honor to follow as I go through it?

14 THE COURT: Yes. Mr. McMahon, you look like - -

15 MR. MCMAHON: At the close of his presentation.

16 THE COURT: Okay.

17 MR. KESSLER: So, Your Honor, the demonstrative  
18 exhibit that I've handed to you shows the dollar amounts that  
19 we're asking the Court to approve today, assuming a sale to  
20 Berkadia, and that what it would cost the estate if approved  
21 and there was no sale to Berkadia.

22 The first category on the chart is the commissions.  
23 With our agreement, the agreement that we reached with the  
24 Committee to support these payments provides that the  
25 prepetition commissions that were earned as part of the

1 normal compensation by loan originators upon can be paid upon  
2 Court approval for those commissions that have, that were  
3 earned prior to the commencement date provided; however, that  
4 any individual in the group who would be paid a commission, a  
5 past due commission, in excess of a \$150,000.00 would wait  
6 for the excess over the \$150,000.00 until the closing of the  
7 servicing sale to Berkadia. As a result of that agreement  
8 with the Committee, the cost of the prepetition commission  
9 program would be \$1,023,299.00 upon Court approval. And  
10 there would be an additional \$391,244.00 which is the excess  
11 amounts to employees who would get commissions over a  
12 \$150,000.00 that would be deferred until closing of a  
13 servicing sale. And those two numbers would apply whether we  
14 sell to Berkadia or sell to any other party assuming that  
15 Berkadia -- when we did this chart, we didn't know whether  
16 the Berkadia sale would be approved today so I'll say today  
17 that if the Berkadia sale doesn't close for any reason and we  
18 sell to someone else.

19 The second category of claims that we're asking to  
20 pay are the 2008 and 2009 bonus plan payments that remained  
21 that were earned prepetition and remained unpaid as of the  
22 commencement date. And Your Honor can see that there is one  
23 million, assuming a sale to Berkadia, we're asking the Court  
24 to approve \$1,273,000.00 that would be paid on 12/31/2009 and  
25 \$763,000.00 would be paid to North American Servicing and

1 Mortgage banking employees that are being, that would be  
2 assumed by Berkadia, and another \$1,387,000.00 that is  
3 payable on March 31<sup>st</sup> of 2010. Of that amount \$1,313,000.00  
4 payable to the servicing and mortgage banking employees will  
5 be assumed by Berkadia and the Debtor would only have to pay  
6 the difference. Now these numbers are assuming that the sale  
7 takes place on December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2009. In the event the  
8 Berkadia closing is on or after the payment date for the 2008  
9 and 2009 bonus plans and the Debtors have an obligation,  
10 would have an obligation to make the December 31 payments  
11 before the closing. Right now, the Berkadia sale has a  
12 deadline for closing of December 31<sup>st</sup> so I don't think the  
13 footnote should be relevant on a Berkadia sale. If there is  
14 no sale to Berkadia, the 2008/2009 bonus plans would cost the  
15 Debtors \$2,036.00 on 12/31/2009 and there'd be no assumption  
16 by Berkadia and \$2,700,000.00 -- I think I misstated the  
17 first one; \$2,036,000.00 on 12/31/09 and another  
18 \$2,700,000.00 on 3/31/10; again no assumption by Berkadia  
19 under that example. And lastly, we have the deferred awards  
20 that are payable at some point in the future. If we have a  
21 Berkadia sale there would be no amount paid by the Debtor.  
22 And upon closing of the sale to Berkadia, they would assume  
23 the full \$9,800,000.00 due under this program. If there is  
24 no sale to Berkadia, the Debtor would be obligated to pay the  
25 \$9,800,000.00. And the agreement with the Committee would

1 alter the payment schedule on this amount to make 50% payable  
2 one month after the closing of an alternative servicing sale  
3 and 50% payable one year after closing of the alternative  
4 servicing sale. And the full amount would be payable upon  
5 any employee being terminated without cause. He would still  
6 retain his deferred award.

7 Your Honor, we also have an agreement with the  
8 Creditors Committee with respect to the severance plan;  
9 however, that agreement is that the severance plan will be  
10 honored and respected by the Committee, but we will continue  
11 to work with the Committee to try to fold in the severance  
12 plan, the prepetition earned severance with a post petition  
13 performance bonus plan; retention bonus plan for the  
14 applicable individuals so that we can have one type of  
15 retention and bonus plan that incorporates severance,  
16 prepetition severance earned with it. So we have no numbers  
17 for that today. We just have an agreement to keep those  
18 severance plans in mind as we continue to negotiate.

19 I want to emphasize again that we are not asking  
20 today for the payment of any of the 2008/2009 bonus plans to  
21 insiders. This is only to non-insiders nor are we asking to  
22 pay insiders on the deferred awards. We are asking the Court  
23 today to bifurcate the hearing and simply asking for approval  
24 of the payment of the amounts that are on your chart and  
25 leave until December 10<sup>th</sup> when we will put on additional, we

1 will put on evidence at that time on the issues of insiders  
2 vs. non-insider and try to meet the standards that Your Honor  
3 has set forth in detail in the *Foothills* Texas case. The  
4 amounts here are what we believe should be payable to the  
5 people we believe to be non-insiders. To the extent on  
6 December 10<sup>th</sup> it's determined by the Court that certain  
7 individuals on our non-insider list should really be  
8 insiders, than these amounts would go down accordingly. But  
9 all we're asking for today is to approve the plans leading  
10 over so that we can tell the employees that they've been  
11 approved and, and get those issues out of the way and leave  
12 until later the issue of who is an insider, who is not. The  
13 reason we're leaving until December 10<sup>th</sup> the issue of who is  
14 and who is not an insider is to give the Committee and the  
15 United States Trustee's office additional time to review the  
16 tables that we will present of the names of the individuals,  
17 the types of bonuses, and deferred awards they're entitled to  
18 and what their positions are and what not so they can be  
19 better prepared to either confer with us and/or cross examine  
20 at the hearing.

21 Now I'm prepared to put Mr. Jay Levine the CEO of  
22 the company on the witness stand and, and get his testimony  
23 with respect to the fact situation of the company that we  
24 believe would meet the necessity of payment doctrine for  
25 these commissions.

1 THE COURT: All right, let's hear from Mr. McMahon.

2 MR. MCMAHON: Your Honor, good afternoon, Joseph  
3 McMahon for United States Trustee. We ask that the entire  
4 hearing on this motion be moved to December 10<sup>th</sup> and here's  
5 why. In connection with evaluating the relief that was  
6 sought by the motion, the Debtors have indicated that in  
7 their brief and, I guess, to our office that they have, are  
8 working on identifying this insider, non-insider split. They  
9 have indicated what factors they're taking into account in  
10 making that determination. But as late as, we made the  
11 request, I believe, last Thursday. We spoke with them again  
12 on Sunday requesting the list of employees that are thought  
13 to be paid pursuant to this motion. And as Debtors' counsel  
14 indicated on the record today, we still do not have a defined  
15 universe from the Debtors' perspective as to what constitutes  
16 an insider or not.

17 THE COURT: I thought I heard no monies going out  
18 the door until I make that determination under the bonus plan  
19 category.

20 MR. KESSLER: Yes, the commissions would go out the  
21 door, the two bonus plans, deferred awards, and 2008/2009  
22 bonus plans would not go out the door - -

23 THE COURT: And any insider, this is the maximum  
24 amount that will get paid. And as people are determined if  
25

1 they are to be insiders, they won't get paid. And that the  
2 aggregate number will go down?

3 MR. KESSLER: Correct.

4 THE COURT: I just wanted to clarify. I'm sorry,  
5 Mr. McMahon.

6 MR. MCMAHON: From our perspective, Your Honor,  
7 splitting up the hearing on who gets paid from the need for  
8 payment is cumbersome; certainly, not preferable from our  
9 office's perspective. And it just, you know, some of the  
10 issues dealing with necessity certainly get involved in the  
11 granular facts as to who you're trying to pay or not. And I  
12 appreciate the fact that the Court has indicated or no  
13 payments can be made until we get to the bottom of the  
14 insider, non-insider issue. Well we don't even have base  
15 level data as to who is getting paid on the non-insider side  
16 of matters such that we can take a look at it. So in light  
17 of the circumstances, while I appreciate the fact that the  
18 company's want some level of resolution on this issue sooner  
19 rather than later, it makes sense from our office's  
20 perspective to put it over to the 10<sup>th</sup> in its entirety. To  
21 the extent that the Court wants to deal with the commission  
22 issue today alone that's the, you know, little bit or  
23 approximately \$1.4 million dollars, we're prepared to do  
24 that. But the balance of the relief, Your Honor, that should  
25 be pushed off to the 10<sup>th</sup>.

1 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Ms. Caton.

2 MS. CATON: Thank you, Your Honor, Amy Caton from  
3 Kramer Levin. First of all, I'd like to apologize for my  
4 inattention earlier. I was trying to send an update to our  
5 Committee and I'll find a more appropriate way to do that the  
6 next time.

7 THE COURT: No, no, that's fine.

8 MS. CATON: First of all, Your Honor, we had  
9 originally sought to postpone this motion until the 10<sup>th</sup> as  
10 well. We were uncomfortable with some of the Debtors'  
11 numbers and we didn't feel like we had adequate time to  
12 review the information; however, our advisors [indiscernible]  
13 worked for several days with the Debtors to go through these  
14 numbers on an employee by employee basis. And we've come to  
15 the conclusion that the numbers are reasonable. They're for  
16 prepetition amounts. And as the Debtor said, we expect that  
17 the numbers, particularly with respect to severance, are  
18 going to be taken into account with respect to any future  
19 retention plans that are proposed. While we understand the  
20 U.S. Trustee's frustration given that these amounts appear to  
21 be reasonable and necessary, we really would prefer to have  
22 this heard today so that we could get our maximum benefit of  
23 stabilizing the estate today and keep people from leaving.  
24 And I'd also just once again note that these are prepetition  
25 amounts due. They're not amounts due under 503 or seeking,

1 the Debtors are not seeking approval of a 503(c) plan. And I  
2 don't think that the, while they offer to distinguish between  
3 insider and non-insiders, I'm not sure that it's necessary  
4 here.

5 THE COURT: While I, that last argument I don't  
6 think holds water.

7 MS. CATON: Fair enough. Thank you, Your Honor.

8 MR. MAYER: Point of inquiry, Your Honor. The  
9 Committee indicated they had employee level detail. If they  
10 did, I'm wondering why our office didn't have that in hand  
11 earlier.

12 MR. KESSLER: I believe if I'm correct that your  
13 office has the full list of employees who are receiving, to  
14 receive the commission payments, is that correct?

15 THE COURT: Did you have this conversation offline?

16 MR. KESSLER: The - -

17 THE COURT: Just figure it out over there and then  
18 you can talk to me about. Just step aside, figure out what  
19 he has, what he doesn't have, and then let me know if there's  
20 still a problem.

21 MR. KESSLER: The reason they don't have the names  
22 of the people, Your Honor, is because we've been endeavoring  
23 to go through a very rigid exercise with the client with  
24 analyzing the job functions of each of the people against  
25 Your Honor's *Foothills* Texas case. This is a company that

1 has many people who have officer positions which is very  
2 common in the industry. But we will endeavor to show that  
3 many of those people, most of those people are not insiders  
4 based on the job function they have and utilizing Your  
5 Honor's decision that allows the presumption to be overcome  
6 with evidence. And we're going through that analysis first  
7 within the company, then company to lawyers, and changing it  
8 on a regular basis. And we're agreeable to deferring that  
9 analysis to December 10<sup>th</sup> but as you heard from me and from  
10 Ms. Caton, we feel there's a huge need for laying the fears  
11 of the employees to let them know that we're going to, that  
12 we have the ability to pay them if they're not an insider.

13 THE COURT: I agree. I'm going to deny the motion  
14 and continue. And I'll hear the first phase which is in  
15 connection with the bonuses which is the amount and the  
16 necessity of the program. And I'll hear the commission's  
17 motion and we'll wait until December 10<sup>th</sup> to deal with who  
18 actually gets money and who doesn't.

19 MR. KESSLER: So may I - -

20 THE COURT: And I just want to comment. I  
21 understand the Committee's position but it would be my  
22 position that even though these are payments that were earned  
23 prepetition under a prepetition bonus plan that, nonetheless,  
24 seeking to pay them post petition and, in effect, give them  
25 administrative claim status implicates 503(c).

1 MR. KESSLER: Okay, Your Honor. May I call Mr.  
2 Levine to the witness stand?

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 JAY LEVINE, DEBTOR'S WITNESS, SWORN

5 THE CLERK: Please state your full name for the  
6 record.

7 MR. LEVINE: Jay Levine, J-a-y, L-e-v-i-n-e.

8 DIRECT EXAMINATION

9 BY MR. KESSLER:

10 Q. Mr. Levine, you're employed by Capmark Financial Group,  
11 Inc., is that correct?

12 A. That is correct.

13 Q. And what is your title?

14 A. President and CEO.

15 Q. And how long have you held this position?

16 A. Since the beginning of this year.

17 Q. And as President and CEO of Capmark Financial Group, Inc.  
18 or what we refer to frequently as CFGI, are you familiar with  
19 the company's commission program?

20 A. Yes, I am.

21 Q. Are you familiar with the 2008/2009 bonus plan?

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 Q. And are you familiar with the deferred awards program?

24 A. Yes, I am.

25 Q. And are you also familiar with the severance program?

1 A. Yes, I am.

2 Q. And in connection with your job as CEO of the company,  
3 have you had discussion with employees since the filing of  
4 this bankruptcy case concerning the payment of the  
5 commissions, the bonuses, and deferred awards with various  
6 groups of employees?

7 A. At length.

8 Q. And can you briefly describe for the Court the  
9 discussions that you had with the employees?

10 A. Sure. In a nutshell with respect to the commissioned  
11 employees, they've been highly concerned as a result of the  
12 postponement and the first day hearing of whether or not  
13 commissions would be affirmed going forward. We let them  
14 know that it was to be dealt with today. And they should  
15 remain comfortable and continue to do business, closed  
16 business on behalf of customers and the company.

17 MR. MAYER: Objection; hearsay.

18 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, I don't believe it's  
19 hearsay for him to testify about what he knows or I'll change  
20 the question to overcome the hearsay if you like?

21 THE COURT: Well to the extent he's telling you what  
22 employees told him, yes its hearsay. But to the extent he  
23 has an opinion as a fact witness based on what people have  
24 told him on what effects may or may not occur in connection  
25 with having the program, I think he can testify to that.

1 MR. KESSLER: And thank you, Your Honor, I was going  
2 to correct my question.

3 BY MR. KESSLER:

4 Q. Based on information that you have in conversations with  
5 employees or otherwise, do you have an understanding or an  
6 opinion of the employees' position with respect to the non-  
7 payment to date of their commissions?

8 A. Yes, I do have an opinion.

9 Q. Explain your opinion or understanding.

10 A. My opinion is at this point employees are quite upset and  
11 uncertain as to what the program will be put in place. My  
12 knowledge is its highly unusual for a company like ours to be  
13 in bankruptcy and still be able to conduct business the way  
14 we have. And employees want certainty as I think most would  
15 that the business they bring in will produce the income  
16 they've gotten in the past.

17 Q. And based on the discussions that you've had with  
18 employees, do you have an opinion or understanding as to  
19 whether they will or would threaten to leave the employ of  
20 Capmark if their commission payments are not approved for  
21 payment by the Court?

22 A. I do have the belief that many of them would be ready to  
23 leave if their payments, both prospective and retrospective  
24 weren't made.

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1 Q. And do you have any information other than the fact of  
2 your discussions with the employees about the possibility of  
3 that?

4 A. We've received information from competitors who we know  
5 have been speaking with many of our important producers.  
6 Matter of fact, we've received a letter from someone who has  
7 expressed that clients have or - -

8 THE COURT: Sustained; that's hearsay.

9 BY MR. KESSLER:

10 Q. Do you have a copy of that letter with you?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. Do you have it in front of you?

13 A. Yes, I do.

14 THE COURT: It's hearsay. What are you doing?

15 MR. KESSLER: Can I ask him some questions?

16 THE COURT: All right; yes you may.

17 BY MR. KESSLER:

18 Q. Who was the letter received from?

19 A. The letter was received from Love Funding.

20 Q. And can you briefly describe what Love Funding has said  
21 in the letter?

22 A. Love Funding is a large FHA loan originator who had, it  
23 was aware that PNC was potentially acquiring part of the  
24 business, didn't necessarily want all the people and  
25 expressed an interest in that division of the company. And,

1 in particular, went out of their way to say that many of the  
2 employees had already contacted them in advance.

3 THE COURT: Sustained.

4 BY MR. KESSLER:

5 Q. Did you believe the letter when you read it?

6 MR. MAYER: Objection.

7 A. Yes.

8 THE COURT: Well he can testify as to whether he  
9 believed it, but the substance of it is not in, the substance  
10 of it is not in evidence.

11 MR. KESSLER:

12 Q. Based on your review of this letter, do you have an  
13 opinion as to whether the employees might leave for other  
14 opportunities in the origination field?

15 A. I do believe that many of the employees have been looking  
16 and would be interested in leaving.

17 Q. Are you familiar with the asset purchase agreement for  
18 sale, the servicing business to Berkadia?

19 A. Generally.

20 Q. Are you aware of any provisions of the contract that  
21 provide for Berkadia to assume the employment of employees?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And what does the agreement provide, to the best of your  
24 knowledge?

25 A. To the best of my knowledge, the agreement provides for

1 Berkadia to pick up and assume the, all the employees of the  
2 mortgage banking and servicing division.

3 Q. And is it also your understanding that they are  
4 purchasing the mortgage banking and servicing business as  
5 part of the contract?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Is, in your opinion can the mortgage servicing and  
8 banking business be conveyed without the employees as an  
9 ongoing business?

10 A. It's not really a business without the people.

11 Q. Mr. Levine, have any other facts come to you that would  
12 give rise to an opinion as to whether or not the failure to  
13 pay the employees their commissions or other awards here  
14 would give rise to their leaving the employ of the company?

15 A. Well I'm aware of general unease in the company. I am  
16 very aware that without some certainty as to the plans that  
17 were put in place to actually retain employees through this  
18 difficult period that we have been experiencing that many  
19 employees will look. We have actually lost a number of key  
20 employees of late. I can't say specifically whether it was  
21 due to the fact we haven't affirmed these plans, but I am  
22 aware there are jobs out there. And we are and many of the  
23 key employees that we need for asset management for a  
24 transition to Berkadia and to make sure we are able to

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1 effectuate that sale are people that are affected by these  
2 plans.

3 Q. And your testimony has been primarily to this point about  
4 the payment of the commissions. Does the testimony that you  
5 gave apply equally as well to the authorization to pay the  
6 2008 and 2009 bonuses?

7 A. Yes, it does.

8 Q. And does it apply equally as well to the payment of the  
9 deferred awards?

10 A. Yes, it does.

11 Q. And does it also apply to the company honoring the  
12 severance programs?

13 A. Yes, it does.

14 Q. Although the severance program payments would not be  
15 payable unless the company actually severed the employment of  
16 employees, correct?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. Those severance payments would not be payable if the  
19 people continued in their employment with the company,  
20 correct? And it would not be payable if the employees  
21 transferred over to Berkadia?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Okay.

24 MR. KESSLER: I don't have any other questions, Your  
25 Honor.

1 THE COURT: Very good. Cross.

2 CROSS EXAMINATION

3 BY MR. MMCMAHON:

4 Q. Sir, good afternoon.

5 A. Afternoon.

6 Q. A few questions with respect to what's being put forth  
7 before the Bankruptcy Court. First, the deferred awards,  
8 what are the criteria for earning those bonuses?

9 A. Those awards were a part of compensation for business  
10 generated in years past that were used to retain key  
11 employees and, in particular, key producers from business  
12 that was generated in '06, '07, and '08.

13 Q. And those criteria were established at the beginning of a  
14 calendar fiscal year, is that correct?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Thank you. And under the deferred award's plan, is there  
17 an administrator person or a board in charge of administering  
18 that program?

19 A. Linda Pickles our head of HR administers that plan.

20 Q. Okay. And does that person have any discretionary  
21 authority with respect to the targets that were set with  
22 respect to those plans?

23 A. I don't understand the question; I'm sorry.

24 Q. Sure. You testified that the deferred awards are  
25 production type awards. And if I understand your testimony

1 correctly, the criteria for earning the bonuses are set at  
2 the beginning of a fiscal calendar year, correct?

3 A. I want to make sure we're both talking about the same  
4 thing. If you're talking about the deferred award for  
5 producers, those specifically were a part of their  
6 commissions they generated based on the business they  
7 generated in that particular year. And that's different than  
8 bonuses. There was a portion of their commissions that were  
9 held back that otherwise wouldn't have been paid.

10 Q. All right, so I'm going by the organization you have in  
11 the Debtors' brief so you're seeking payment of prepetition  
12 commissions in the approximate amount of \$1.4 million  
13 dollars, correct?

14 A. Okay. I think we're talking about different numbers then  
15 if we're talking about that.

16 Q. Okay.

17 A. If they're part of a prepetition - -

18 Q. Now - -

19 A. \$1.0 million dollars is a different number.

20 Q. And your bonus and award's program is something different  
21 that has a discretionary aspect and there's the deferred  
22 aspect, correct?

23 A. Those are three different things.

24 Q. Now the deferred award's program my question is the  
25 criteria for earning those bonuses, are they set at the

1 beginning of a measuring period, a calendar year or fiscal  
2 year?

3 A. Let me just ask one more question, let's go through it.  
4 We have the commissions. We have the bonuses. And we have  
5 what we call the deferred commissions. Which one are we  
6 talking about?

7 THE COURT: Its deferred awards on your table - -

8 MR. LEVINE: I don't have the exact schedules - -

9 THE COURT: And maybe that's, I think what Mr.  
10 McMahon is asking is, is there a specific criteria that is  
11 established when you start a cycle under the deferred award's  
12 program for what someone is going to get or not get? I think  
13 you said it's a deferred portion of their commissions?

14 MR. LEVINE: Let me just make sure I'm clear from  
15 Mr. Kessler if I may ask. The deferred awards are the bonus  
16 period, are they bonus or they not bonus?

17 THE COURT: Well if you don't know, you can't ask  
18 Mr. Kessler for help. So you don't know.

19 MR. LEVINE: I just want to be clear which ones  
20 we're talking about.

21 MR. MCMAHON: Your Honor, may I approach the  
22 witness?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MR. LEVINE: We refer to them - -

25 BY MR. MCMAHON:

1 Q. And for the record what I've handed the witness is a copy  
2 of the exhibit Mr. Kessler gave to the Court during argument.

3 A. Now I'm going to deferred awards on the bottom are the  
4 portions of commissions from prior years.

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. And those are not bonuses. Those are not discretionary.  
7 Those were totally related to production earned and business  
8 generated in those years.

9 Q. Okay. And

10 A. Apologies.

11 Q. And it's purely a production award based upon criteria  
12 that is set temporarily one. Is it set at the beginning of a  
13 calendar year or a fiscal year?

14 A. I'm not sure its criteria as much as it was as portion of  
15 the revenue generated by that individual, a portion was held  
16 back.

17 Q. I understand that, but they're getting a cut, right, a  
18 percentage of the generation, correct?

19 A. Right.

20 Q. Right. And when is that percentage set?

21 A. It was reviewed annually.

22 Q. I'm sorry?

23 A. It was reviewed annually to the best of my knowledge.

24 Q. Okay. And the employee knew at the beginning of the year  
25 what the percentage cut would be?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And did they have to reach a particular target  
3 production-wise in order to earn the bonus?

4 A. One, I'm not sure of the exact answer, but to earn the  
5 bonus they were generally paid commission based on the  
6 business they did.

7 Q. Okay. Well was it zero or up? Meaning if you made  
8 \$1.00, you got a percentage cut?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And, therefore, --

11 A. Once you covered a minimum level which was generally low,  
12 you were paid a percentage of what you generated for the  
13 firm.

14 Q. Over and above the minimum level or just once you, once  
15 you reached the minimum level you vested?

16 A. I think there's two different questions. In general, the  
17 earnings came from, they were paid a piece of the revenue  
18 generated for the firm. So if an individual generated  
19 \$500,000.00 of revenue for the firm, if he was for, argument-  
20 sake, paid 50% of the revenue generated, he would have been  
21 entitled to \$250,000.00 for that year of business generated.  
22 And then a portion of that would have been held back.

23 THE COURT: So his commission is \$250,000.00 under  
24 your hypothetical?

25 MR. LEVINE: Correct.

1 THE COURT: And he doesn't get all of that?

2 MR. LEVINE: Correct.

3 THE COURT: There's a deferred piece?

4 MR. LEVINE: Yes.

5 THE COURT: And that applies to every commission he  
6 earns?

7 MR. LEVINE: Yes.

8 THE COURT: And do the percentages stay constant  
9 throughout or do they rise or fall by level of business? So  
10 a guy who brings in a million dollars gets the same  
11 percentage commission and the same percentage deferred award  
12 as a guy that gets \$10 million dollars?

13 MR. LEVINE: There were various plans for different  
14 offices and different individuals.

15 THE COURT: Based on their business units, etc?

16 MR. LEVINE: Correct.

17 THE COURT: All right. Now the part that's deferred  
18 the piece of the whole commission that's deferred that's set  
19 ahead of time?

20 MR. LEVINE: Correct.

21 MR. MCMAHON:

22 Q. The 2008 and 2009 bonus plans, what are the criteria for  
23 those awards? How are they paid?

24 A. Sure. Let's pick them one at a time. The 2008 bonus,  
25 anybody that receives a bonus it's a discretionary bonus set

1 by their manager. The, usually the person that ultimately  
2 that manager reports to all rolled into one program based on  
3 performance of the individual, performance of the group,  
4 performance of the overall firm and ultimately approved by  
5 the, was the former compensation committee of the Capmark  
6 Board of Directors.

7 Q. All right.

8 A. As part of an overall pool established by the board.

9 Q. And that is a year end review?

10 A. Yes, it is. It's generally done in the first quarter  
11 after a year completes.

12 Q. Okay. And do you have a sense on average what an  
13 employee who might I guess potentially earn so far as a range  
14 under this, under the '08 bonus plan? In other words, what's  
15 the maximum award given any single individual under it? Do  
16 you know?

17 A. There was a dramatic range and I'm not aware of the  
18 maximum for '08.

19 Q. Who determines those awards for insiders?

20 MR. KESSLER: Objection; calls for legal conclusion,  
21 Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Yeah we're going to get into what's an  
23 insider, what's not an insider.

24 BY MR. MCMAHON:

25 Q. The '09 plan any different in terms of its mechanics?

1 A. No, it was based on recommendations for key employees and  
2 to be fair, there were differences. The '08 plan if I can  
3 explain the difference for a minute. The '08 plan was one  
4 that was put in place when I arrived. We made the decision,  
5 the executive committee made the decision in March of '08  
6 when we paid out the '08 bonuses which were down dramatically  
7 from the '07 bonuses. We made the decision to use,  
8 unfortunately, any employee who had a bonus over \$50,000.00,  
9 which was not a large number of employees, we made the  
10 decision to hold back a material amount of that amount, the  
11 amount over \$50,000.00 and spread it out over four quarters.  
12 So where the '08 money comes from was it was a former  
13 retention tool to hold the employees at the firm and that's  
14 the money that we're talking about here.

15 Q. You testified regarding your impressions of necessity and  
16 whether or not the payments are necessary in order to keep  
17 the business alive which is really what we're here for today.  
18 Of the, I guess, what, how many employees have left the  
19 Debtors' employ post petition that might be entitled to  
20 awards under this program, any of the three plans you have  
21 here?

22 A. A handful.

23 Q. I'm sorry?

24 A. A handful.

25 Q. What's that less than - -

1 A. Between 5 and 10.

2 Q. And is the fact that they left a fact they're entitlement  
3 to be paid under one or more of the programs?

4 A. Absolutely. You have to be here to collect it.

5 Q. And to be clear, we're talking about, that's for the  
6 commissions, the '08 and '09 bonus plans and deferred awards,  
7 all three?

8 A. For any of those the firm policy is you have to be here  
9 to collect any of those.

10 MR. MCMAHON: Your Honor, I don't have any further  
11 questions for the witness.

12 THE COURT: All right, any other cross? Redirect?  
13 Any redirect?

14 MR. KESSLER: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Thank you. You may step down.

16 MR. LEVINE: Thank you.

17 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, that concludes our  
18 testimony. I'd like to just briefly make a little more  
19 argument in connection with the bonus plan.

20 As you heard from, from Mr. Levine employees have to  
21 be here to collect. That is really the crux of the problem.  
22 They're here so long as they, there's still an opportunity to  
23 collect. The fear, the logical fear is that if the Court  
24 says you can't collect, there's no reason for them to remain  
25 with us and the fear gets extremely greater that they will

1 leave for another opportunity. It's, it's a necessity of  
2 keeping the employees, we believe, company believes, to pay  
3 them what they've been promised on the dates that they were  
4 promised to be paid. You heard from Mr. Levine that some of  
5 their bonus awards were deferred so that the employees could  
6 and would be encouraged to stay with the company. And to not  
7 pay them now is almost like telling them that they were  
8 induced to stay under some form of false pretense. And we  
9 can logically conclude from that, that we created more and  
10 more incentive for them to leave. The amount of money we're  
11 talking here is in relation to putting the Berkadia sale at  
12 risk, it just doesn't make sense to us. We, whether you  
13 believe that they would leave for sure or believe that there  
14 would be a risk of their leaving, I don't believe that that  
15 either of those conclusions affects the necessity of payment  
16 doctrine. We frequently approve payment for example to  
17 critical vendors because we believe they won't ship. We  
18 don't know for certain that they won't ship if we don't pay  
19 them. We say, we come into Court and we say they have  
20 threatened to stop shipping. They have told us they won't  
21 ship unless we pay their prepetition bills. If they don't  
22 ship, we won't have inventory for the Christmas season. But  
23 the standard is rarely that if we don't pay them, they will  
24 absolutely, they will absolutely refuse to do business. I  
25 think the same standards should apply here. We have to apply

1 a standard of what is reasonable under the circumstances.  
2 What are the risks that we should and should not take with  
3 respect to affecting the business on an ongoing basis. I  
4 believe that's what the Committee analyzed and that's why the  
5 Committee, who at first was not persuaded, came around to  
6 thinking along the same lines as the company and agreed that  
7 it was in the best interest of the estates that these people  
8 be paid. I can't guarantee you that someone is going to walk  
9 out the door. We're just dealing with risks here.

10 THE COURT: Understood.

11 MR. KESSLER: Thank you.

12 THE COURT: Ms. Caton, any comment? Nothing  
13 further?

14 MS. CATON: No, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. McMahon.

16 MR. MCMAHON: It's the Debtors' burden to carry the  
17 record today, Your Honor, with the demonstration that they  
18 satisfy the doctrine of necessity. And necessity, Your  
19 Honor, I think if we're going to start injecting the word  
20 risk into our arguments there's obviously a risk that a  
21 meteorite could hit my house today. I hope it doesn't, but  
22 certainly it's the type of thing that this Court looks at in  
23 terms of evaluating the record. What is the real harm to the  
24 Debtors if the payments aren't made. Had the Debtors made a  
25 showing, a real evidentiary showing not in statements, not

1 trying to, you know, by statements from counsel that he heard  
2 from an attorney that are hearsay, not by, you know, trying  
3 to introduce a hearsay letter at the hearing, but in, not by,  
4 you know, the Debtors' CEO impression that, you know, things  
5 are tense around the company. What really does the record  
6 bear out here. Well, the only thing factual from the  
7 standpoint of necessity that's been born out is that really  
8 that five people have left since the petition date. I don't  
9 think that the record that has been made here, Your Honor,  
10 certainly rises to the level to give this court sufficient  
11 pause from the standpoint that the business is going to shut  
12 down tomorrow if these payments aren't made. We've, you  
13 know, we can go through the myriad analyses associated with  
14 the reasons why we believe that's the case, but at bottom  
15 it's more than just a Committee non-objection. We think  
16 there's a risk. I don't think the evidentiary record really  
17 has born that out. Third Circuit law requires something  
18 stricter than that to, to carry the day insofar as an  
19 evidentiary showing. And, you know, with respect to Your  
20 Honor's observation regarding the inner play of 503(c) and  
21 the doctrine of necessity, it's, it would be high irony, at  
22 least, to the extent that for insiders, and we'll get to this  
23 issue later, that the, you know, we needed to make the  
24 payments in order to retain them was effectively the  
25 argument. In other words, that would be I think a bit

1 counterintuitive with the principles of 503(c), but we'll  
2 carry that point on December 10<sup>th</sup>. For today's purposes, I  
3 don't know whether the showings been made.

4 THE COURT: All right, thank you. Well, you can sit  
5 down Mr. Kessler. I'm going to overrule the objection and  
6 approve the program. I find that the necessity of payment  
7 doctrine is satisfied to pay these prepetition claims for the  
8 purpose of retaining these employees, to get us to a closing  
9 of a sale that will provide funds to the Debtors' estate well  
10 in excess of the maximum potential liability here. I don't  
11 have to check my common sense at the door when I come in  
12 here. And it's simply, it's a reality of life that people  
13 who think they're owed a certain amount of money, who have  
14 been promised a certain amount of money, and don't get paid  
15 it get pretty ticked off and are ready to leave. I think a  
16 good example would be associates who took pay cuts. They're  
17 not happy. If they can go somewhere else, they will. I do  
18 think that the purpose here is clearly retentive. And I do  
19 think that 503(c) (3) really applies, well 503(c) applies to  
20 payment of administrative expense claims. And you are, in  
21 effect, turning a prepetition unsecured claim hearing into an  
22 administrative expense claim. So to 503(c) (3) I find is also  
23 satisfied in that these payments are justified by the facts  
24 and circumstances of the case. Now those are for non-  
25 insiders. I think this is a retention plan so if there are

1 proposed payments to insiders 503(c) (1) is not satisfied,  
2 we're going to leave that for another day. And I understand  
3 the Debtors' intent is to establish who is and who isn't an  
4 insider. And I don't believe I've heard, as a matter of fact  
5 I definitely heard that they didn't intend to pay insiders  
6 under this program. The commissions and the deferred  
7 payments are clearly set on a defined system where the  
8 employee knows ahead of time what the payout will be based on  
9 how he or she, how hard he or she works. The bonus plans  
10 similarly, although they are subject to discretion of  
11 management and usually are, are I think, the criteria  
12 established today are sufficiently clear to in effect say  
13 again they're not giveaways. And again none of them are  
14 going to insiders so I'm not very concerned about that at  
15 all. Overrule the objection. I'll prepare the motion and do  
16 you have a form of order?

17 MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor. May I  
18 approach?

19 THE COURT: Yes. All right, I'll have a look at it.

20 MR. KESSLER: I might add that the order you're  
21 reviewing, Your Honor, has been reviewed carefully and almost  
22 co-written with the Committee's counsel.

23 THE COURT: So who gets the bill for it? Okay I'll  
24 sign the order.

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1                   MR. KESSLER: Thank you, Your Honor. I have two  
2 hours and five minutes and only four things left so I think  
3 we're on schedule. If I can, I'd like to turn next to item  
4 number 13 on the agenda. And this is the motion to approve  
5 the sale and bidding procedures for the military housing,  
6 sale of the military housing business. This motion was filed  
7 on October 30<sup>th</sup> on full notice. On November 12<sup>th</sup>, a revised  
8 asset purchase agreement was filed reflecting the inclusion  
9 of all of the schedules to be added to that purchase  
10 agreement. And as of the objection deadline, no objections  
11 have been filed. As with all the other motions that Your  
12 Honor has heard today, we extended the deadline for the U.S.  
13 Trustee and the Committee. All the parties whose contracts  
14 are to be assumed and assigned under the transaction who  
15 received notice of the hearing and have received a copy of  
16 the revised asset purchase agreement listing their contracts  
17 as among the contracts that are being, to be assumed and  
18 assigned. This is, this contract relates to the business of  
19 Capmark Financing and Capmark Capital, Inc., two Debtors.  
20 And the business, among other things, arranges and provides  
21 financing for the United States Government public and private  
22 venture capital, excuse me, venture military housing relating  
23 projects including privatization of military housing and the  
24 origination and servicing of loans relating to military  
25 housing. It's a small niche business for Capmark. A few

1 other parties are in the business and it's a relatively small  
2 market in the servicing industry. As a result, we believe  
3 there is a very small market of potential purchasers of this  
4 business. Given that there's very limited financing  
5 available for these types of projects in the current  
6 environment, the military housing business revenues for  
7 Capmark has declined significantly in 2008 and 2009. The  
8 business is not a part of the Debtors anticipated  
9 reorganization or the Debtors sale of the mortgage servicing  
10 business which the Court has now approved. Additionally, in  
11 light of these Chapter 11 cases, financing counterparties are  
12 likely unwilling to enter into new military housing  
13 transactions with Capmark. And so in light of the foregoing  
14 the financial burden of keeping this business going, a  
15 decision was made to market the sale of the military housing  
16 business. We believe it's in the best interest of the estate  
17 to do so. So in this regard before and after the  
18 commencement date, the Debtors worked diligently with the  
19 financial advisors to explore a sale of military housing.  
20 They found a purchaser and have entered into an asset  
21 purchase agreement with Jefferies Mortgage Finance Company,  
22 Inc. as a stocking horse bidder. The APA provides for the  
23 purchase of only the servicing business of the military  
24 housing portion of the Debtors' business but not the loan  
25 origination business that is associated with that part of the

1 business. And that is why we'll come to another motion right  
2 after this one. The purchase price is \$9 million dollars.  
3 It's subject to certain closing adjustments that will not  
4 exceed \$500,000.00. It provides for a breakup fee to  
5 Jefferies in the event of a loss of the sale to a higher  
6 bidder. The breakup fee is \$250,000.00 which is just under  
7 2.8% of the purchase price. I think well within the range of  
8 breakup fees typically approved in this district. Given the  
9 substantial time effort and the funds expended by Jefferies,  
10 we also think that the breakup fee is fair and appropriate in  
11 the event of a sale to a higher bidder. If no timely topping  
12 bid is received from another bidder, we would request and we  
13 believe that a prompt sale of the assets without an auction  
14 would be appropriate; however, if we do get a topping bid  
15 under the bidding procedures that we would ask the Court to  
16 approve today, of course, we would conduct an auction  
17 pursuant to those procedures. So the motion today is seeking  
18 two separate orders. First, the bidding procedures order  
19 with respect to the military housing business which would  
20 provide for the scheduling of an auction if there is another  
21 qualifying bid; approval of bidding procedures; approving the  
22 breakup fee to Jefferies; scheduling a sale hearing after  
23 we've identified the highest bid; establishing an objection  
24 deadline and approving the sale hearing form of notice that  
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1 and the notice of assumption and assignment of contracts that  
2 would go out to, as part of this process.

3                   And the second thing we're asking is for a sale  
4 order approving the sale; however, today for obvious reasons.  
5 We're not asking for the entry of the sale order. That part  
6 of the motion would be deferred until the sale hearing.

7                   Since the motion was filed, we can say there have  
8 been some indications of interest for the business. And  
9 following discussions with the Committee, we've agreed to  
10 modify the schedule forbidding and sale that's set up in the  
11 motion to ensure a little bit of extra time and additional  
12 time for third parties to properly review the diligence. We  
13 like to schedule the following dates if acceptable to the  
14 Court that we'd have a bidding deadline of December 7<sup>th</sup> at  
15 10:00 a.m. It was previously November 30<sup>th</sup> in the motion; a  
16 deadline to determine qualified bids of December 8<sup>th</sup>, one day  
17 later. It was scheduled at December 2<sup>nd</sup> in the motion; a sale  
18 objection deadline of December 4<sup>th</sup> as opposed to the December  
19 1 date that's in the motion; an auction if necessary on  
20 December 9; and the sale hearing at our next omnibus hearing  
21 dated December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Additionally, in the motion,  
22 Your Honor, as I mentioned earlier, we're asking for approval  
23 of the form of bidding procedures which are very similar to  
24 the bidding procedures that we adopted in the Berkadia or in  
25 the servicing business sale and consistent with generally

1 with bidding procedures used in many, many other 363 sales.  
2 We're asking for approval of the breakup fee as I noted  
3 earlier; the sale notice and form of notice of assumption and  
4 assignment. We made a couple of other changes to the bidding  
5 procedures that have been requested by third parties that  
6 relate to qualifications to bids, the form of non-disclosure  
7 agreement that must be signed, and so forth. We've not  
8 received any objections and I'd like to ask the Court to  
9 approve this motion, at least the portions of the motion that  
10 we requested approval today and the dates that we have asked,  
11 we've asked the Court for.

12 THE COURT: Does anyone wish to be heard? Yes, sir.

13 MR. BRODY: Good evening, Your Honor, Josh Brody,  
14 Kramer Levin on behalf of the Committee. Just to echo some of  
15 Mr. Kessler's comments. We had a number of discussions with  
16 the Debtors about the form of order. And subsequent to the  
17 objection, we had been contacted by a potential purchaser who  
18 had asked that we move the bidding date out a little more to  
19 give them additional time especially given the Thanksgiving  
20 holiday weekend coming up, and the Debtors were amendable to  
21 that. And with those changes to the order, we agree it be a  
22 good idea for the Debtors to have this order entered.

23 THE COURT: All right, thank you, anyone else? Okay  
24 I'll approve the motion. Can I see an order? You may  
25 approach.

1 MR. KESSLER: We have on the agenda that the United  
2 States Trustee's office wanted to make some informal comments  
3 on the record but he stepped outside and I see him in the  
4 hallway. Would you like me to get him?

5 THE COURT: Yeah if you don't mind.

6 MR. KESSLER: The U.S. Trustee's office asked that  
7 some additional language be placed in the order about the  
8 payment of the breakup fee, specifically that the breakup fee  
9 would only be payable out of proceeds of the sale and would  
10 not apply to a sale in a converted Chapter 7 if that were to  
11 occur, and we adopted that language.

12 THE COURT: Okay, thank you. I'll sign the order as  
13 modified.

14 MR. KESSLER: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: Moves us to agenda 14, I believe?

16 MR. KESSLER: Yes, Your Honor. Item 14 on the  
17 agenda is what I'll call a companion motion to the motion to  
18 sell military housing. As I mentioned in my discussion of  
19 the military housing sale, Jefferies is buying the servicing  
20 business but not the loan origination business. The Debtor  
21 in its military housing business had, has a loan origination  
22 or loan commitment, I should say, of \$50 million dollars that  
23 is fully unfunded which is to say the Debtors have not loaned  
24 out any money with respect to that loan. If the military  
25 housing business were to be sold and this loan commitment

1 stay on the books of the Debtor, we would reject the  
2 contract, not fund any portion of it, and leave the borrower  
3 with a rejection damages claim. Instead, the Debtors have  
4 been able to find a purchaser who is willing, I shouldn't  
5 call them a purchaser, an inquirer who is willing to take the  
6 \$50 million dollar loan commitment for no payment  
7 consideration. Because it has no value since no amounts have  
8 been funded and it's at market rates subject to the Court  
9 providing an order, I'll call it a comfort order, that gives  
10 them good title to the loan commitment. The benefit to the  
11 Debtor is that we don't have to reject the contract and  
12 expose ourselves to rejection damages of the borrower. And  
13 we will be freed upon the assignment of this contract of any  
14 further liability under that loan commitment. And so for  
15 that reason, we think that it's a reasonable business  
16 judgment on the part of the Debtor to assign or transfer this  
17 asset notwithstanding the zero consideration. We don't think  
18 it has any value in the market place, but it does have the  
19 benefit to us of avoiding the damages.

20 THE COURT: All right, does anyone wish to be heard?

21 MR. MAYER: Yes, Tom Mayer for the Creditors  
22 Committee. We support this transaction. Our practice, not  
23 involving this case at this time, involves a fair amount of  
24 the transfer of debts so it's not an uncommon transaction. I  
25 just wish to state a reservation the Committee does not

1 concede that there would, in fact, be damages from rejection  
2 of this contract. And I hope that does not become an issue  
3 in other matters in this case.

4 THE COURT: All right, understood.

5 MR. KESSLER: I concur. I've, if I didn't say it  
6 before I would correct to say we would risk a claim being  
7 made, whatever might happen with that claim is not being - -

8 THE COURT: Anyone else? All right, I'll approve  
9 the motion and sign the order. You're welcome. So I think  
10 at this point, I've signed the order, at this point we've got  
11 cash collateral and the Premier Asset Management motion,  
12 correct?

13 MR. KESSLER: And we have one other item and that's  
14 the order on ordinary course professionals which Mr. McMahon  
15 said he wanted more time to review. And I think that he's  
16 had some conversation with one of my colleagues about a  
17 slight adjustment to that. Since we're talking about it, I  
18 don't know if you want to do it now or?

19 THE COURT: Well is it, in effect, resolved, Mr.  
20 McMahon, subject to some language?

21 MR. MCMAHON: I believe it is, yes.

22 THE COURT: All right, why don't you just submit it  
23 under certification of counsel.

24 MR. KESSLER: If I may, I move to item 15 which is  
25 the sale of the Premier Asset Management Company. This is

1 another, and by the way this is docket numbers 175, 176, 177,  
2 and 186. This is another motion for a sale under Section  
3 363, 365, etc., Your Honor. A little different from the  
4 other 363 motions we filed so far in this case. But it does  
5 ask for the following: the Debtor, I believe its CFI owns a  
6 Japanese subsidiary. The Japanese called Premier Asset  
7 Management Company owns a 100% of the equity in that  
8 subsidiary. The Japanese subsidiary does loan servicing in  
9 Japan. The motion before Your Honor is to sell the equity of  
10 that Japanese subsidiary. And we have a stocking horse  
11 bidder by the name of Sandringham Investments. Now the  
12 contract that was signed prepetition with Premier provides  
13 that if the Debtor enters Chapter 11, we would seek an order  
14 authorizing this sale as a private sale without additional  
15 bidding. And if this Court were to not permit the sale as a  
16 private sale then we would go through the typical bidding  
17 procedures using Premier as a stocking horse bidder. The  
18 Debtors marketed this, the equity of this company for  
19 approximately six months to the commencement date and  
20 received only two offers of interest due in part, we believe,  
21 to the very complicated process of transferring Premier's  
22 business under Japanese regulatory requirements and other  
23 practical business considerations. By the sale of Premier,  
24 we're going to, we believe, maximum the value received for  
25 this business and recapture CFI funds which are currently

1 deposited are on deposit as servicer advance reserve accounts  
2 in Japan. My understanding is that under certain regulatory  
3 schemes in Japan, the servicer has advanced deposits that are  
4 available in the way of cash collateral to cover servicing  
5 advances if they're not paid by the servicer. So under this  
6 transaction, the purchaser would purchase the equity of the  
7 company and replace the cash deposits that are currently  
8 advanced by Premier in Japan. There is approximately \$47  
9 million dollars of funds in these accounts. Twenty-eight  
10 million of the \$47 million are funds that got to Premier to  
11 make the advance as an intercompany loan. And as a result  
12 when this \$28 million dollars comes back, it can be  
13 repatriated to CFI to a repayment of the intercompany loan.  
14 The remainder of the, of the funds are, however, funds that  
15 would have to be dividend back to CFI once they come out of  
16 the cash collateral account. And our understanding is that  
17 that dividend would not be payable to CFI for some period of  
18 time. And as a result, our purchaser has agreed to increase  
19 the cash payment for the equity to cover that additional cash  
20 and then, as the owner, take the dividend when the dividend  
21 would be payable to it. This allows CFI to realize a full  
22 recovery of the cash that it has on deposit in Japan upon the  
23 completion of this sale. In evaluating the two prepetition  
24 proposals or offers, the Debtors included that the purchase  
25 of the sale to Sandringham was the best. The purchase price

1 under the sale agreement is approximately \$23,200,511.00;  
2 that's a conversion from yen with a possible premium on top  
3 of that of another \$2,207,140.00. As I mentioned to you  
4 earlier, the purchase would also free up all the cash that is  
5 coming back to the Debtors. We have had expression of  
6 interest from other parties. They have asked to do due  
7 diligence. They've asked to for an opportunity to make  
8 offers to purchase the company. One of the parties who is  
9 asking to do that is the party who's been looking around and  
10 kicking the [indiscernible] of this company for a long time  
11 and they're back at it looking again. So here we are today  
12 asking that the sale be approved on a private sale basis to  
13 Premier. But in the alternative and if the Premier sale is  
14 not approved, then under a bidding procedures that would ask  
15 for the following date, dates, excuse me: a bidding deadline  
16 of December 7<sup>th</sup>; a deadline to determine qualifying bids of  
17 December 10<sup>th</sup>; a sale objection deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>; an  
18 auction if we have more than one qualifying bid of December  
19 14<sup>th</sup>; and a sale hearing on December 18<sup>th</sup> if that's available  
20 on Your Honor's calendar. In addition, if we have a bidding  
21 process and not a sale to Sandringham, we would seek approval  
22 of a breakup fee, as well as approval of the sale notices  
23 that are attached to the motion, and the notice of assumption  
24 and assignment of contract. The breakup fee is 50 million  
25 yen which converted to U.S. dollars is approximately

1 \$552,000.00. It's 2.38% of the purchase price without the  
2 premium; 2.18% of the purchase price if we earn the premium.  
3 Again, I believe, well within the range of reasonableness for  
4 breakup fees in this district. And especially in the  
5 existing situation where we have a sale of relatively small  
6 dollars that is enormously complex because of the  
7 transnational effect of it and the necessity for the parties  
8 to consider and look at all of the different legal or laws  
9 that would apply to the sale and getting the money  
10 repatriated back to the CFI in the United States. But if we  
11 pull off this deal and get it done successfully, it's a, it  
12 would be a terrific result for the Debtors' CFI. I believe  
13 the Committee wanted to be heard on this. We do not have any  
14 formal objections.

15 THE COURT: All right. Your basic objection was you  
16 wanted an auction I understand if - -

17 MR. BRODY: Yes, Your Honor, again Josh Brody for  
18 the Committee. From the Committee's perspective, I think  
19 it's fairly straightforward. The bidding procedures are  
20 actually built into the purchase agreement. Since the filing  
21 of the motion, there have been other parties. I know that  
22 we've been contacted by who are interested in bidding. And  
23 the Committee believes that from the estate's perspective,  
24 given this additional interest, and we're not talking about  
25 keeping up bidding procedures for months and months and

1 months. It's a fairly limited amount of time. In our view,  
2 it just made the most sense to use that fall back position in  
3 the agreement to go to a public auction.

4 THE COURT: Very good.

5 MR. BRODY: Thank you, Your Honor.

6 THE COURT: You're welcome. Anyone else?

7 MR. KESSLER: I want to correct one thing I made on  
8 the, an error I may have made on the record. The deposits  
9 are approximately \$75 million dollars that will come back to  
10 the Debtor in the form of repayment of the intercompany debt  
11 and increase of the purchase price to cover the cash that  
12 would only be subject to repatriation by dividend.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. KESSLER: The total cash to the estate would be  
15 in the range of \$80 million dollars.

16 THE COURT: All right, excellent. Anyone else? All  
17 right, do you have an order?

18 MR. KESSLER: Yes, Your Honor. Which one, the  
19 private or bidding?

20 THE COURT: Bidding procedures, wasn't that the  
21 deal?

22 MR. BRODY: Well, Your Honor, again I think if the  
23 Debtors were filing a motion seeking first a private sale on  
24 the alternative of bidding procedures from our perspective  
25

1 you got the bidding procedures was [indiscernible] to make  
2 the most sense.

3 THE COURT: Right and that was the basis of the  
4 resolution.

5 MR. KESSLER: No, we haven't resolved it - -

6 THE COURT: Oh you haven't resolved it?

7 MR. KESSLER: The reason - -

8 THE COURT: No I'll put in here, no, no.

9 MR. KESSLER: The reason, I'm here asking for  
10 private because - -

11 THE COURT: No, no, no, bidding procedures, bidding  
12 procedures. I have a little note here from this morning,  
13 auction if Committee wants one. It's written right here.  
14 You were DOA, Mr. Kessler. We'll do the 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Oh  
15 you wrote in here 10:00 a.m.

16 MR. KESSLER: It's been a long day, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: That's all right. I'll give you 10:00.  
18 I know I'm moving it. The case I'm moving is not generating  
19 \$80 million dollars in cash. All right, I signed the order.

20 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, I think we're at the last  
21 item on the lengthy agenda and its item number 11. It's the  
22 motion to approve the use of cash collateral scheduled for a  
23 final hearing today. But I'm here asking that it be, that  
24 the interim order be extended to December the 10<sup>th</sup>. We do  
25 have, I believe, an agreement with the secured lenders for a

1 final order dealing with the use of cash collateral subject  
2 to our continuing to tweak what is an extremely complex  
3 order. I think we could have had it done today, but the  
4 reason why we're asking to extend the interim order to  
5 December 10<sup>th</sup> is to give the Committee more time to review and  
6 comment on the order and, frankly, also for us to help  
7 through it and explain the reasoning behind some of the  
8 revision. So what we're asking for today in the extension of  
9 the interim order is to continue the order almost exactly as  
10 it was entered earlier except that we will have the  
11 consensual use of an additional \$3.1 million dollars of cash  
12 per an Exhibit B that is attached to the interim order. And,  
13 in addition, any portion of the cash collateral that was  
14 approved in the first interim order that has not already been  
15 spent would roll over into the second interim order period.  
16 And I'm quite hopeful that when we come back on December 10<sup>th</sup>,  
17 we will have a consensual cash collateral order to hand up.  
18 No promises, but I'm hopeful.

19 THE COURT: Anyone wish to be heard?

20 MR. BRODY: Your Honor, just to echo Mr. Kessler's  
21 comments, we have been in discussions with the Debtors about  
22 the cash collateral order, and I think that Mr. Kessler  
23 adequately, accurately, rather, expressed the current draft  
24 of the final order that's in process is fairly complex. The  
25 Committee had really just seen it for the first time this

1 past Thursday night. And after discussions with the Debtors  
2 and the lenders, they had agreed to move that. And we are  
3 working it through and we hope to come up with a consensual  
4 resolution by December 10<sup>th</sup>, although I'm hoping that maybe  
5 Your Honor will use that formulation for the last order,  
6 though if the Committee wants it, we'll get it. But absent  
7 that I'm hopeful we can come to a professional resolution.

8 THE COURT: All right, so you're okay with this  
9 order? I just don't want to make - -

10 MR. BRODY: Yes, Your Honor, this order is fine.

11 THE COURT: All right, anyone else? Yes.

12 MR. SOSNICK: Good afternoon, Your Honor, I'm Fred  
13 Sosnick from Shearman and Sterling on behalf of Citibank. I  
14 think what the Debtor and the Committee both said is  
15 accurate. I think we are pretty close to getting done. I  
16 think just want to be clear that I think this is the last  
17 consensual deal we're going to have under the existing  
18 framework. This was a long and hard decision by the lenders  
19 to extend under the existing order albeit for only a little  
20 bit more money, and I think we really need to get a final  
21 resolution done and hope to do it by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

22 THE COURT: Okay. Mr. Kessler, approach with an  
23 order please.

24 MR. KESSLER: Yes, Your Honor. There's a black line  
25 [indiscernible].

1 THE COURT: Thank you. Okay I'm signing the order.

2 MR. KESSLER: Your Honor, if we could just have one  
3 or two minutes to be certain that we covered under the  
4 agenda. I think we did, but since we were bouncing around I  
5 just want someone to concur for me.

6 THE COURT: Take a short recess.

7 (Court in recess)

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9 CERTIFICATE

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11 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from the  
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